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HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

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In the desperate fighting of the past ten days, an extension of the Mannerheim Line has been under construction behind Viborg, and it is these new fortifications to which the Finns have withdrawn.

An unbroken Mannerheim Line thus continues to run across the Karelian Isthmus, and further encouragement is found in the fact that the late snows are falling from the skies.

If they are as deep as usual, the Russians will soon be in difficulties again.

Except at the Viborg end, the original Mannerheim Line is intact throughout its length.

Further Russian attacks across the Bay of Viborg have been easily repulsed, while at the eastern end of the Line, near Taipale, a large Russian concentration has been virtually destroyed.—Havas.

NAZIS TRYING TO STOP RECONNAISSANCE

Paris, To-day.

Germany is unloosening a horde of pursuit planes over the "West Wall" in an attempt to cut off Allied reconnaissance flights. Messerschmidt fighters and Heinkels, in patrols of from 7 to 21 machines, now roar daily back and forth over the front.—Reuter.

STRANGE REPORTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

According to press reports from Germany, which are not confirmed, Mr. Sumner Welles has invited Dr. Schacht, the former President of the Reichsbank, to the United States to discuss an increase in trade between Germany and the United States.—Havas.

U.S. EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FOR FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

Plans for an American Expeditionary Force for Finland numbering 3,000 men are announced by Captain Albert Sterneberg, commander of the Finnish War Veterans of the United States.—Reuter.

MIST DELAYS SHIPS

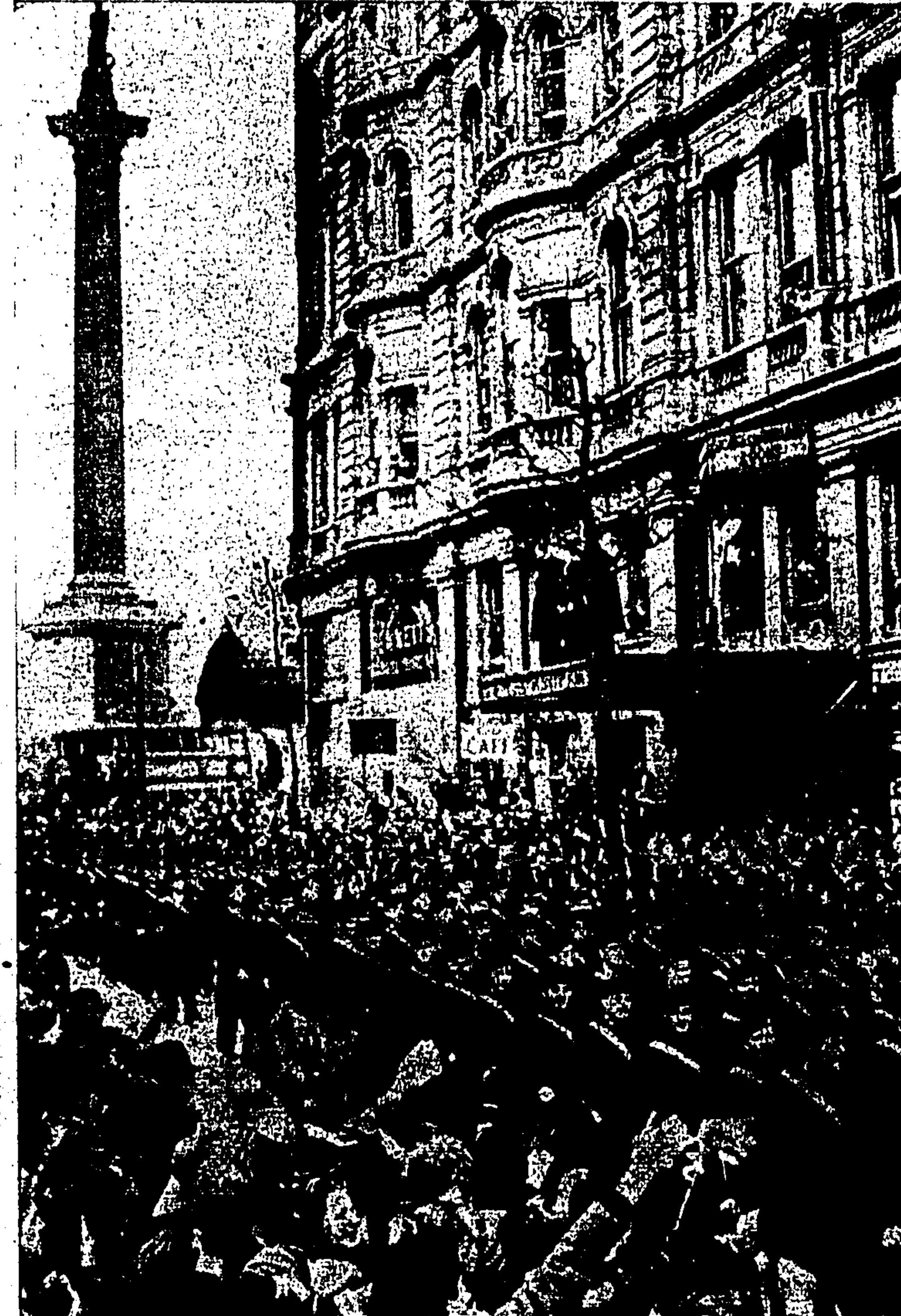
River-boats coming from Macao this morning were delayed for an hour by heavy mist outside the harbour.

H.K.V.D.C. RUMOURS

Rumours that the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps will shortly be fully mobilised, were denied by the local authorities this morning when questioned by the "China Mail."

It is learned, however, that an exercise, for which the Corps will be partially mobilised, is planned to take place in April. The exercise will last four or five days.

WEATHER FORECAST.—East and South-East winds; cloudy generally, with fog or mist.



SHADES OF NELSON—The Naval heroes of the Ajax and Exeter had a wonderful welcome in London on Feb. 23 when they marched to the Guildhall. Photo shows Officers and men of the Ajax and Exeter heroes of the Graf Spee fight—on their way to the Guildhall with Nelson's Column in the background. (Air Mail).

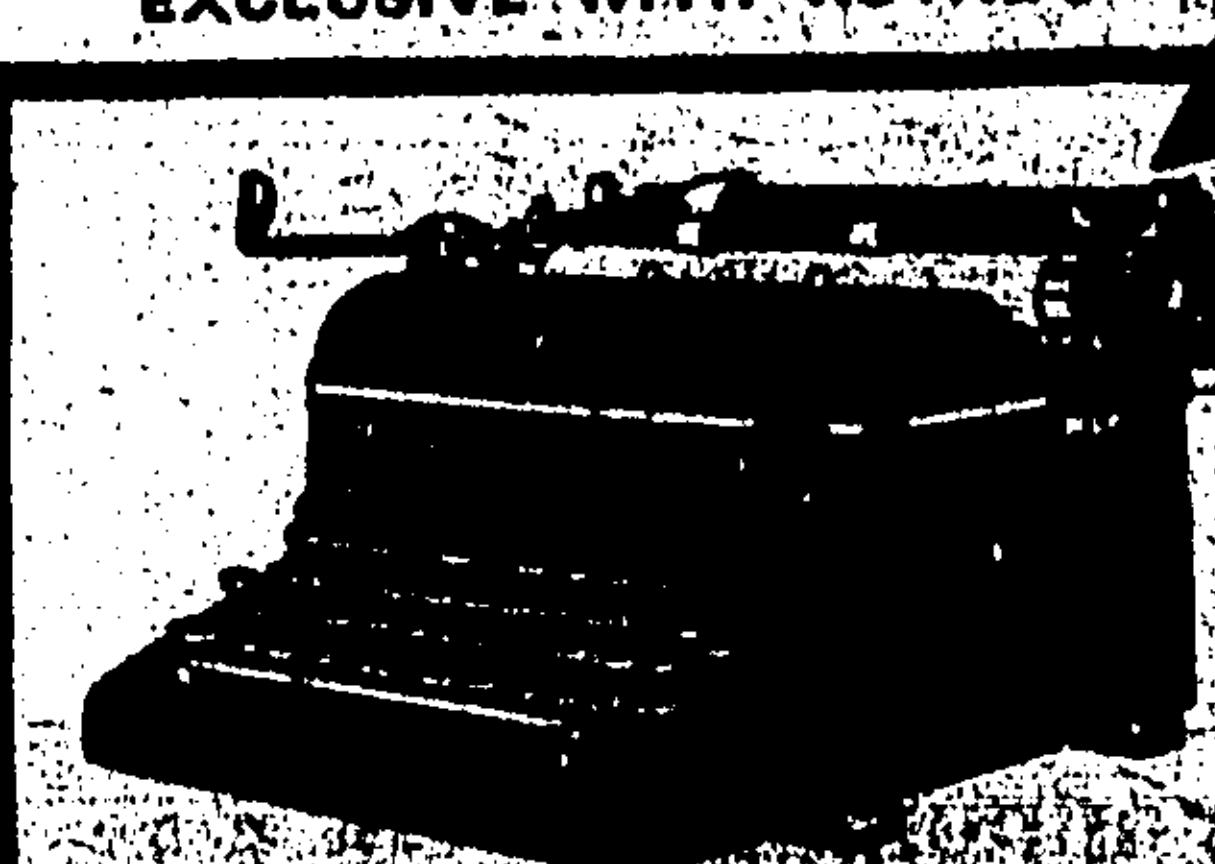
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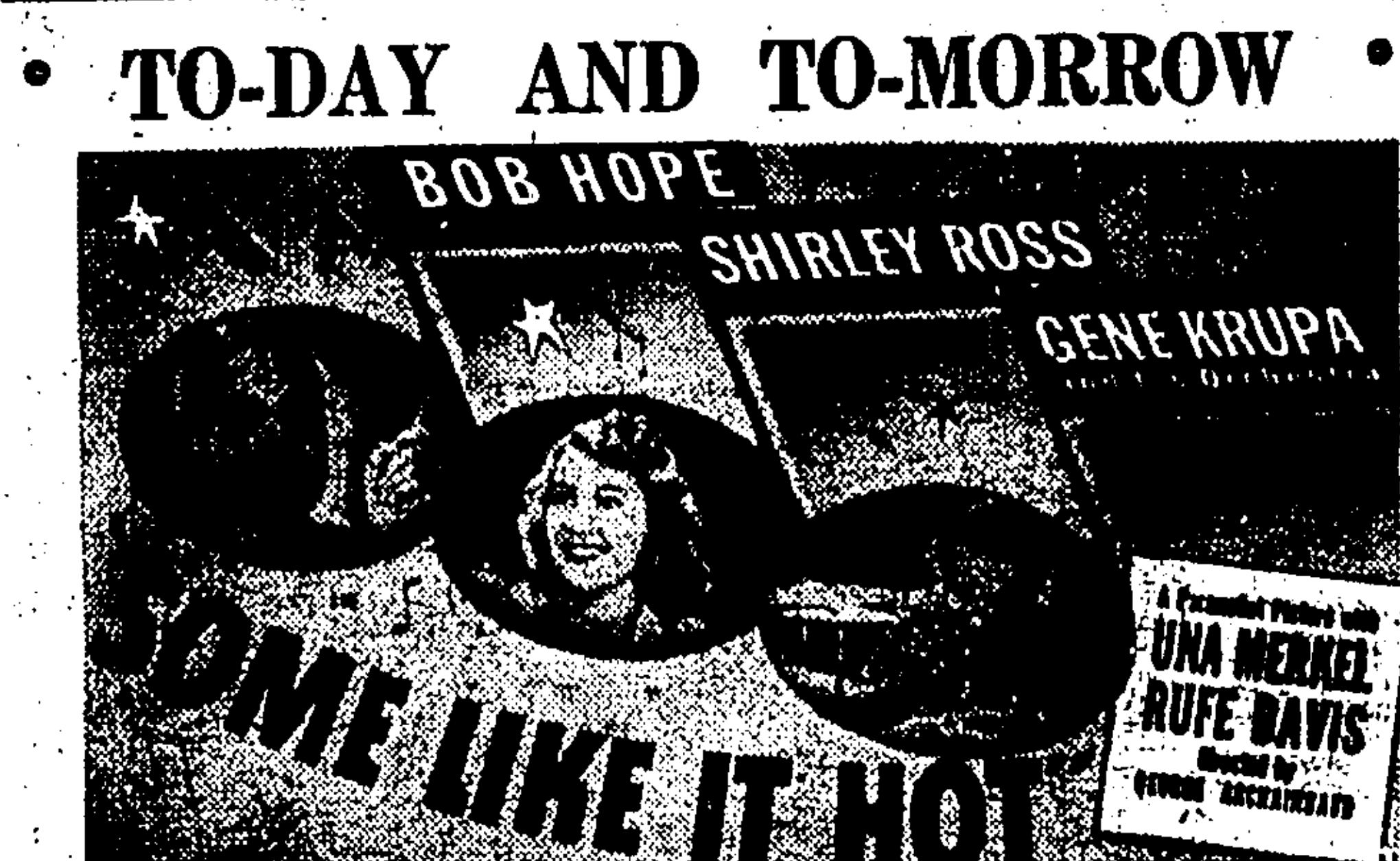
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THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF WAR

London, To-day.

MOST OF YESTERDAY'S British Press gave editorial space to a review of the past six months of the war.

"The Times" stresses Germany's need for peace and how her Nazi leaders had hoped to hold off the Western Powers while they consolidated their eastern conquests.

Such a peace is unthinkable. The delay had favoured the less well prepared party to the conflict and the Allies have made more ground, just as they had more ground to make.

The "Daily Telegraph," too, stresses the value of the long respite in enabling the Allies to marshal their resources.

Taking as its theme Mr. Chamberlain's remark on the opening day of the war that we were fighting against evil things, the "Daily Mail" says that we knew then how evil those things were, but we have learnt also since. This has strengthened our conviction that they must be opposed by war.

HE LISTENED

The "Yorkshire Post," dealing with Mr. Sumner Welles' visit to Berlin, says that he has undergone an experience which will earn him the sympathy of many European statesmen and diplomats — he has sat closeted with Hitler, listening to one of Der Fuehrer's interminable harangues!

Only Nazi accounts of what happened are available, "but it is clear that he must have listened very patiently, for he is considered to have made an excellent impression on Der Fuehrer!"

The "Daily Express" also emphasises that the only reports about the Sumner Welles/Hitler talk have come from Nazi circles, and says that these show that the German leaders are more anxious for peace than anyone else. — Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN

London, To-day.

The King and Queen returned to Buckingham Palace yesterday morning from Windsor where they spent the weekend. — British Wireless.

EMPIRE'S RESOURCES

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE GREAT INCREASE IN THE MATERIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE EMPIRE WAR EFFORT AS COMPARED WITH THE LAST WAR ARE REVEALED BY RECENT FIGURES OBTAINED FROM AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS, WHICH SHOW THAT THE DOMINIONS AND INDIA NOW CONTAIN ABOUT 30,000 MORE FACTORIES THAN WAS THE CASE IN 1914, WHILE THE NUMBER OF DOMINION INDUSTRIAL WORKERS HAS RISEN BY 69 PER CENT.

The value of the industrial production of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa has risen by 170 per cent. to a total of £398,000,000 and that of Canada alone has increased by 156 per cent. to \$3,600,000,000 and the percentage of industrial exports from twelve to forty.

The very satisfactory increase in Canada's steel production shows that the annual output has risen from 740,000 tons in 1914 to over 1,155,000 tons and the petrol output has increased thirty-sixfold to over seven and half million barrels.

Other valuable products show equally impressive increases, in which every country has taken part.

For example, South African coal production has more than doubled since the last war, and Australia, which then had to obtain all war supplies except rifles and small ammunition from Britain, now produces almost all kinds of war requirements herself. — British Wireless.

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FLOWER SHOW'S HIGH STANDARD

In contrast to the bleak skies and murky weather outside, the interior of the matsheds of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society flower show opposite the Lower Peak Tram Station are now a blaze of rich, exotic colour and scents of a hundred and one varieties fill the air.

The show, which opens to-day and will remain open to-morrow, compares extremely favourably with the Society's past successful exhibitions and, indeed, with many provincial shows in England.

As one wanders around the well-arranged stalls, past begonias, antirrhinums, carnations, ferns, and so on, one wonders how in the world the judges managed to award one particular exhibit in preference to the equally strong claims of the others, for they all attain very high standards indeed.

On the whole, too, the exhibitors have been careful to arrange their plants so that they are seen to their best advantage. Only, perhaps, in the cut pansies could one offer a small suggestion; in many flower shows, it is the custom to mount cut pansies on a background of black velvet, a fitting tribute to the jewels that these flowers are. A background of plain white paper is not nearly so kind.

DWARF PLANTS

It would be invidious to single out any particular exhibits for special mention. Mr. Ho Kam Tong's dwarf plants deserve special praise, however, and deservedly won the Lady Southorn Challenge Cup. There is something about dwarf trees and plants that inflates the ego!

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote, who are among the Society's patrons, will be arriving at the show at 3.30 p.m. to-day.

In view of the excellent display of flowers and the fact that Hong Kong is such a "natural" beauty spot to-day, it is somewhat surprising to learn that the membership roll is decreasing each year.

The challenge cups were awarded as follows:

Pot plants, Open: Mrs. F. Groves (Schizanthus).

Pot plants, Peak: Mr. A. Nicol (pansies).

Vegetables, Open: Mrs. A. W. Stanton (celery).

Vegetables, Peak: Mrs. F. C. Hall

U-BOAT SUNK OFF ELBE

London, To-day. The Air Ministry announces that an enemy submarine was yesterday attacked in the Schillig Roads at the mouth of the River Elbe by an aircraft of the Royal Air Force and is believed to have been destroyed.

The aircraft was on reconnaissance duty when the submarine was sighted in shallow water on the surface.

Four bombs were dropped one of which registered a direct hit between the conning tower and the stern.

After the attack the submarine was seen to be enveloped in a cloud of greyish smoke, with only the upper part of its conning tower visible above the water. — Reuter.

UNABLE TO DIVE

London, To-day. The crew of the R.A.F. machine which successfully bombed a German submarine at the entrance to the River Elbe, stated that after the smoke had cleared away only a small section of the conning tower was showing above water.

The submarine was in shallow water and was unable to dive. — Reuter.

SWISS NAZI PARTY DISSOLVED

Zurich, To-day. The Swiss Nazi Party has dissolved itself, following the arrest of its leader on charges of spying for a foreign power. It never did have much of a following. — Reuter.

MILD SENTENCES

Bombay, To-day. Two German women, a Dutch woman and four Italian women were sentenced to one day's imprisonment each for evading the postal censorship. — Reuter.

(potatoes).

Cut flowers, Open: Mr. Eu Tong Sen (carnations).

Cut flowers, Peak: Mrs. F. C. Hall (sweet peas).

Lady Peel Challenge Cup: Mrs. Eu Tong Sen (six pots of annuals).

Lady Southorn Challenge Cup: Mr. Ho Kam Tong (collection of dwarf plants).

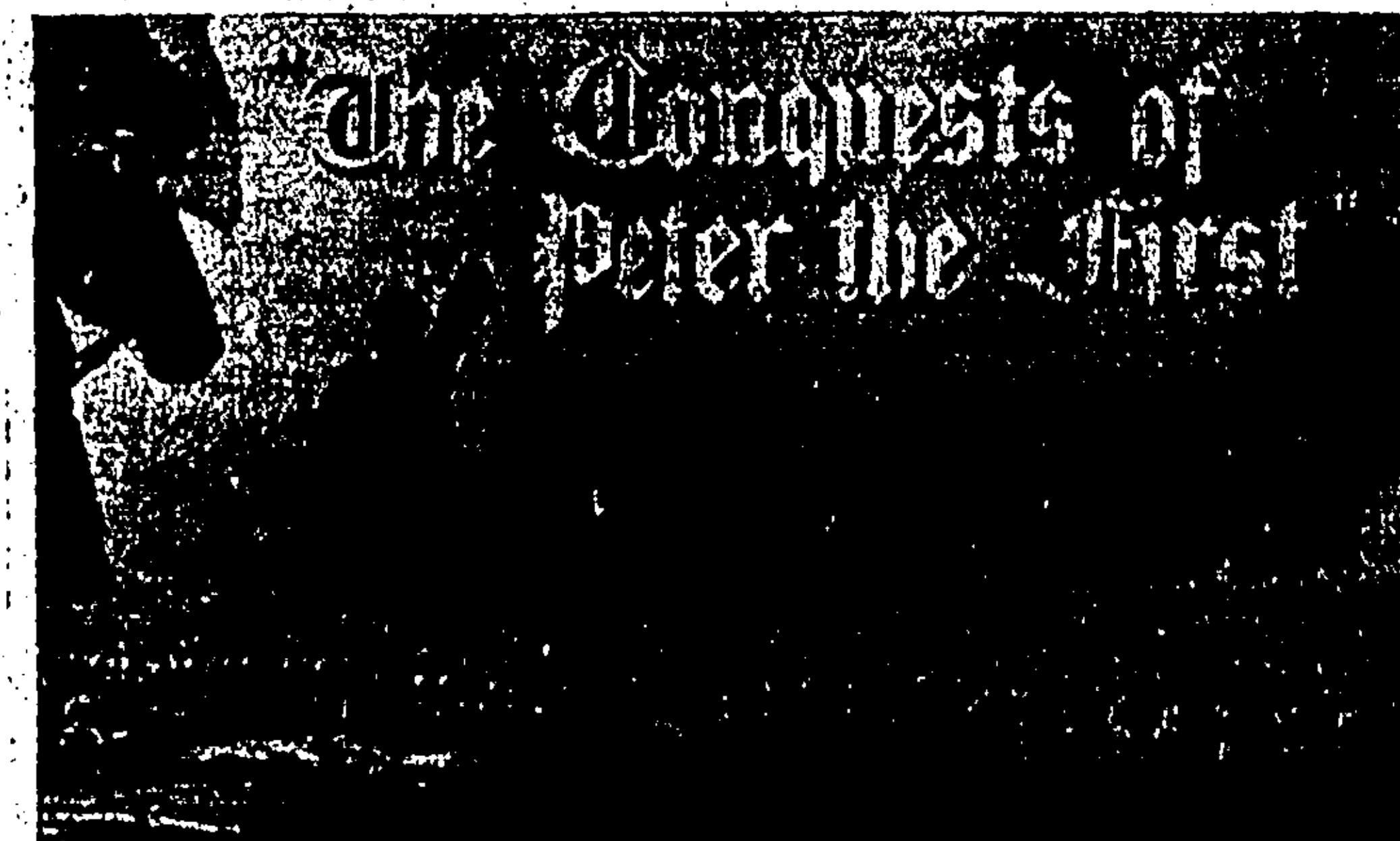
Lady Northcote Challenge Bowl: Mr. J. T. Bagram (mixed exhibit of pot plants).

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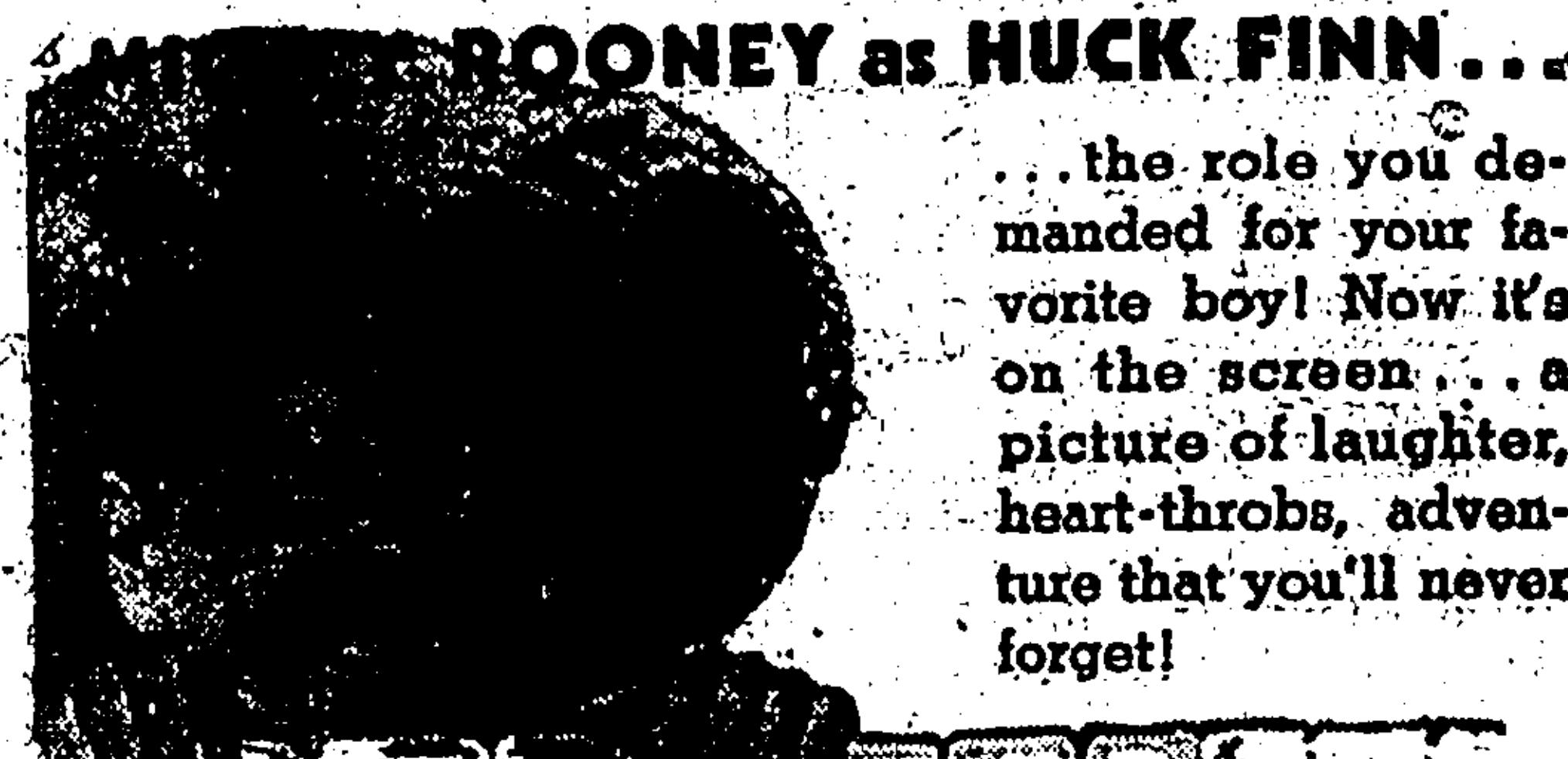
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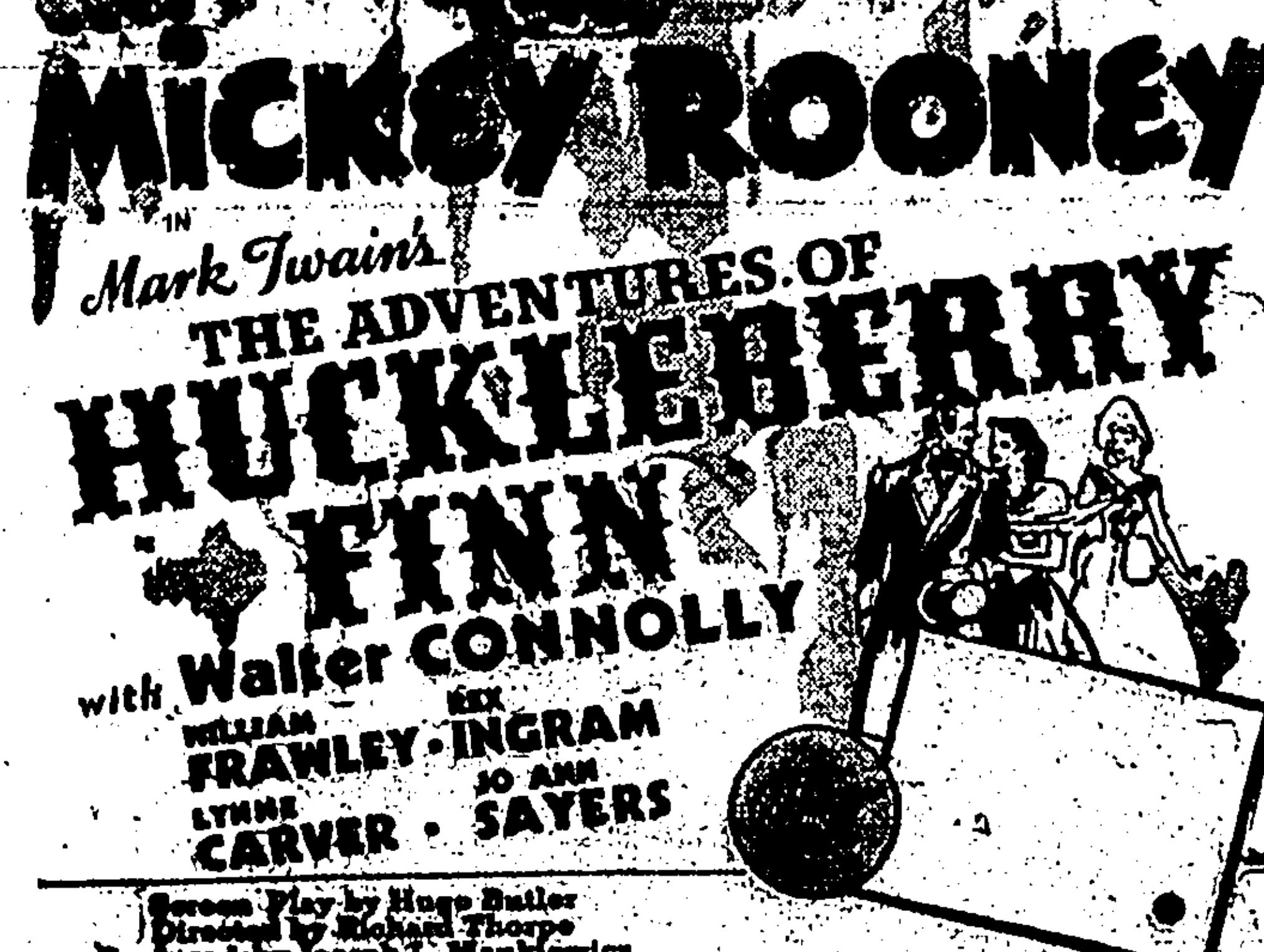
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BLOCKADE TALKS IN WASHINGTON

New York, To-day.

Mr. F. Ashton-Gwtkin, of the British Ministry for Economic Warfare, and M. Charles Rist, Economic Adviser to the French Ministry of Blockade, arrived here to-day and proceeded to Washington.

It will be their task to provide the American departments concerned with details in regard to the working of the Allied blockade.—Reuter.

CHINA'S PUPPETS

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT ABOUT HALF A MILLION CHINESE PUPPET TROOPS OPERATING UNDER JAPANESE COMMAND IN CHINA, BUT DURING THE YEAR 150,000 OF THESE TROOPS MATURED AND JOINED THE LOYAL CHINESE FORCES, IT IS STATED HERE.

The Chinese puppet troops in North China are under General Chih Sieh-yuan; in Central China under Jen Yuan-tao; and in South China under Wang Ching-wei, it is stated.

The North China puppet troops are known as the "Anti-Communist Army," and the South China puppets as the "Peace and National Salvation Army." — Reuter.

JAPAN'S TRADE DRIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

In accordance with governmental efforts to diversify Japan's trade outlets which the present non-treaty situation revealed to be excessively concentrated towards the United States, the Japan Foreign Trade Association decided to establish agencies in 20 leading cities in India, Central Asia, East Africa, Canada, North, Central and South America and the South Sea Islands.—Havas.

NEWS WAS RECEIVED HERE yesterday of an amazing trek across 2,000 miles of Central Africa by troops from Northern Rhodesia, who have now arrived in Nairobi, Kenya, after a journey in 200 motor vehicles from Lusaka, the Northern Rhodesia capital.

They made the trip in six units and were completely self-supporting.

They consisted of the First Battalion the Northern Rhodesia Regiment, at full war strength; the Regiment's first-line transport; an ambulance unit; and a supply company of the Northern Rhodesia Army Service Corps.

They carried all their own equipment, stores and ammunition and enough petrol for the entire trip. Only one motor vehicle of the entire 200 fell out on the way, a credit to the African drivers, many of whom only learnt to drive after war began.

The contingent was met by the Governor of Kenya and the Officer Commanding the East African Forces. They complete the contingent in Kenya of troops from all parts of British East and Central Africa.

The recruiting was not the least remarkable fact about the "army."

Three-quarters of the officers and European N.C.O.'s were in civilian occupations when war broke out. When recruits were asked for, District Officers, Government Officials, University men and mining and railway experts arrived in large numbers.

So numerous were the African volunteers that recruiting had to be stopped after a few weeks. By then, the First Battalion had reached full strength and the Second Battalion, taking its place in Northern Rhodesia, was also fully manned.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE FETE NAVAL OFFICERS

London, To-day.

Officers of H.M.S. Ajax and Exeter, two of the three cruisers which fought the Battle of the River Plate, will be entertained to luncheon on Thursday by the Committee of the Stock Exchange and will afterwards pass through the House.—British Wireless.

London, To-day.

Asked in the House of Commons if adequate steps were being taken to safeguard Britain's trade position in China immediately following the cessation of hostilities, Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the British Ambassador spends a considerable part of his time at Chungking, where there is a permanent office of the Embassy through which he maintains contact with the Chinese Government on all matters respecting British trade interests when he is at Shanghai or elsewhere.

The British Embassy was 1,800 miles from the Chinese capital, but when the Ambassador was not in Chungking, there was someone of sufficient status to carry on negotiations.—Reuter.

THREE YEAR SENTENCE ON ROBBER

WITHOUT RETIRING, THE JURY AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING FOUND CHEUNG KI-KI GUILTY OF PARTICIPATING IN AN ARMED ROBBERY ON DECEMBER 8 IN MATAUWEI ROAD.

He was sentenced to three years' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel prosecuted.

The jury was composed of Messrs. S. S. Harris (foreman), A. M. Laricina T. C. Ellacott, S. H. Langston, F. E. Souza, J. H. Simmonds and D. Ali.

Mr. Williams said that on the morning of December 8 three men visited No. 55, Matauwei Road, and asked for Mr. Sung, the master of the house. They were admitted by an amah and taken to the room of Mr. Sung's brother, where one said they were in need of work.

The accused was carrying a revolver and another had a knife.

They herded the wife and an amah into the kitchen where they searched them, and took from the wife \$17. Accused was the person who pushed them into the kitchen and assisted in binding them up.

The robbers searched the house and took in all \$85 in Chinese Currency and \$976 in local currency, a gold watch and a diamond ring.

WATCH ON SHOP

As the result of information, the Police then kept watch on a shop at Cheung Wan. The principal tenant, said Mr. Williams, would tell the court that he took over the tenancy some 18 months ago and that five Shanghai men lived in the cockloft. On the night of the robbery, this witness saw accused go out. Witness went out the following morning and on his return at 11 a.m. found the Police there. The three men did not return though they had left their belongings.

Accused was arrested on January 21 and when charged said he did not take part in the robbery but had been asked by another to come along. He was given \$20 and went along.

The defence of accused was that he was working for the military at West Point on the night of the robbery.

Accused said that he was not in the vicinity. He was working elsewhere. He did not return to his house as he learned that a robbery had taken place and that the police were watching the place.

Asked if he had anything to say, after the jury had found him guilty, accused said "Since the Jury has decided I am guilty, I am guilty, I have nothing to say."

\$50 FINE FOR SPEEDING

Yew Hsung-chau, of Prince Edward Road, was fined \$50 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for speeding in Gloucester Road on February 13.

It was said that defendant was driving at from 38 to 40 m.p.h.

BRITAIN'S TRADE IN CHINA

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OFFICER'S DEFENCE

Lieut. N. H. M. D'Oyly, of the Royal Scots, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for parking over time in Chater Road on three different dates. Defendant pleaded not guilty saying that the car was not in the car park all the time.

Police constable D233 said that he saw the car in the car park at Chater Road at about 11 a.m. on February 26. It was still there at 3 p.m. The car was there again from 1.20 p.m. to 4 p.m. on February 28.

Another constable said that on February 22, he saw defendant's car in the park from 8.14 a.m. to 5.50 p.m. Defendant said he lived at the Gloucester Hotel, and had to park his car in Chater Road. It was not there all the time because he usually took the car to Murray Barracks and returned at tea time.

Two of the summonses against defendant were dismissed. He was fined \$10 for the summons on February 22.

Traffic Inspector F. J. Clarke prosecuted.

TRAFFIC OFFENDERS

Pleading guilty by letter to speeding in the Nathan Road built up area on February 11, Lt.-Col. M. S. Teversham, of the Rajputana Rifles, was this morning fined \$10 by Mr. Q. A. A. MacLachy.

It was stated that Lt.-Col. Teversham overtook Sub-Inspector P. Y. Tsui's car at Waterloo Road and was followed up to the Alhambra Theatre by the Inspector.

For driving on the wrong side in Waterloo Road on February 12, Mr. G. D'Almeida, of Nathan Road, was fined \$4. He was driving on the wrong side of the nullah.

A fine of \$3 was imposed on Mr. J. P. Inglis, of Hume Pipe Company, Tsui Wan, for leaving his car unattended on the wrong side of Saigon Street from 8 p.m. to 9.20 p.m. on February 12.

Accused of speeding through the Nathan Road controlled area on February 12, Mr. A. L. Fisher, of Telephone Company, was fined \$8.

MURDER MYSTERY

The mutilated body of a Chinese was found floating near the shore at Aberdeen at 3.30 a.m. to-day by fishermen. The man has been identified as Ah Yau, fisherman. Murder is suspected.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



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All-For-Hitler Soldiers Believe Blitzkrieg Boast

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(By A NEUTRAL OBSERVER)

MUNICH WAS THE most discontented, most grumbly and most anti-Hitler town I found during my Expedition into Germany.

It was all the more of a surprise for me to find this, as I had travelled in the train third-class with some companions who were most zealous Nazis.

I don't know whether they realised that I was a foreigner. I spoke as little as I could, and my German is pretty good.

There were four soldiers—on leave from the West Wall, as the Germans call the Siegfried Line—three civilians, and myself.

Conversation began when the soldiers pulled out their sausage sandwiches. It was a meatless day and the civilians looked at the sausage rather enviously as they munched their own humble potato fritters.

The soldiers spoke about food and said how successful the rationing was, how every one in Germany had enough to eat and all were equals, and Germany would be able to hold out no matter how much the Englishers

tried to starve them.

One of the soldiers told the story of a butcher who had given seventy kilogrammes short weight in a meat delivery to the army. The rest he had sold unrationed to civilians at profiteer prices.

"He was beheaded," said the soldier exultantly, and every one, including the civilians eating the potatoes, agreed it served the butcher right.

8,000 BOMBERS

Another soldier told of another profiteer who was beheaded for having made a 300 per cent. profit on a delivery of radio sets to the army. Each passenger in the carriage then remembered somebody who had been beheaded for something.

Then they got talking on England. Everything was set, said the soldiers, for an expeditionary force to set out for Britain in the spring. The soldiers were ready, the planes were ready, the parachutes were there.

The Heinkel factory had 8,000 bombers stored away underground, they said, waiting only to be put together. Germany's seventy-eight aircraft factories were turning out planes, said one soldier, at the rate of 100 a day.

Goering's underground munitions factories in the Lueneburg moors were producing new one-man tanks at a stupendous rate. And as for what Goering had stored in his underground arsenals, that was nobody's business. In fact, everything was fine.

The French didn't want to fight the Germans, anyhow, and when they saw how England was getting it in the neck they would be glad to make peace.

One of the soldiers had a regular scoop. Von Papen, he said, was in France right now on a secret peace mission. He was about to fix up with the French as big a surprise for the British as the Russian pact had been.

The civilians were apparently as enthusiastic as the soldiers. They agreed it was all splendid.

POOR PROPAGANDA

I give you this, not because I want you to believe what the soldiers said, but simply as evidence of the kind of talk which is being dished out to the German soldiers by their instruction officers.

The kind of stuff probably the majority of the Reichswehr soldiers are believing.

To tell you the truth, I am rather surprised at it, because I had always rated the propaganda sense of the German authorities higher than this.

For clearly, the reaction from this optimism will be dangerous when it comes, and disillusionment, in my opinion, is inevitable.

The only way that I can reconcile such propaganda with intelligent leadership is that the army authorities are trying to work up the troops' enthusiasm for a knock-out blow offensive in the spring.

In contrast to this enthusiasm in the railway carriage Munich was soberly itself. Though even here

despite the strong clerical anti-Hitler current in Bavaria there is not yet any real spirit of defeatism or anti-war feeling.

I do believe, however, that when the break comes Bavaria is one of the places where the crack will show first.

Not that people rush up to you and tell you that they dislike the Nazis, or anything of that kind, though to my amazement there was a taxicab driver who came and had a drink with me, and described Hitler in good Bavarian as "That Sauhund" (literally Sowdog).

But the anti-Hitler feeling is in the air all right. The usual salutation in Munich, for instance, is not Heil Hitler! as in the rest of Germany, but Gruess Gott! (God greet you).

I have been asked how effective I think the blockade is proving. Well, I think you will have gathered from the rationing precautions I have described that the Germans are considerably more respectful of it than they pretend.

STILL EXPORTING

In all export and import contracts concluded nowadays the German obligations go only as far as the German frontier.

A neutral exporting goods to Germany has to make himself responsible for their delivery at the German frontier. If he is taking goods from Germany, he has to collect them at the frontier. This system is not exactly beneficial to German trade.

Nevertheless, Germany since the war has been able to export enough to reduce substantially the deficit in her clearing arrangements with neighbour countries. She has done this mainly by sending them goods destined normally for overseas markets which she is now unable to reach.

The effect of this reduction of the deficit means that she will be able to bring greater pressure on these countries in future to supply her with materials she wants from them, rather than the goods which they want to export to her, as was the case while she had a deficit.

The Italians have been doing a good deal of trade with Germany. I saw Italian trucks frequently during my rail journeys through the country.

And the Swiss railways, I learned, have made their first profit for many a long year, largely as a result of the heavy trade from Italy to Germany and back.

Much of the German exports to Italy have been coal, which would normally have been transported by sea. The Italians have sent a certain amount of Rumanian oil refined in Italy to Germany in return.

MUST COLLAPSE

As for rubber and copper, which Germans like to claim they are receiving in considerable quantities through Italy, I doubt whether any significant quantity has eluded the British control.

The bulk of their copper has been coming from Jugo-Slavia, but it is far from being sufficient to their needs should the Germans open up the war.

An interesting feature, to my mind, of the German fight for foreign currency is their campaign to induce neutral countries to use Germany and her railways for their trade among each other.

The Low Countries, as well as Scandinavia, Switzerland and the Balkans and Italy, are all being urged to send goods to each other overland, using the German railways rather than sea routes.

Undoubtedly one of the intentions behind the submarine and mine warfare against neutrals is to help in this sales campaign of the German railways.

But great as their efforts are, great as is the determination of the Germans to win through, I am convinced after what I have seen during my trip through Germany that they will not be able to pull it off.

Collapse must come, though it may be some time before it does.

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REVIVED HOPE IN BALKANS

London, To-day.

Finland's heroic fight has altered the whole atmosphere in the Balkans and made it hopeful again, declared Mr. L.M.S. Amery, former Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a speech in London.

Mr. Amery was addressing a meeting of the Near and Middle East Association, at which the audience included many members of the Diplomatic Corps.

The Balkan nations had seen, he said, that if small nations like the Finns could make such a magnificent fight, there was good hope that the Balkan countries could save themselves if they stood together.

Dealing with German aims, Mr. Amery said she might consider economic overlordship was enough, but, on the other hand, for example, she might feel the need for all Rumania's oil and not merely that part for which she could afford to pay.

BRITAIN'S AIMS

"As for Britain, our wish is that the Balkans may be spared the horrors of war. The war must end with a situation in which it is impossible for the Germans to make another attempt to dominate Europe.

"For the sake of permanent peace it is essential that the Balkans be united or one or more commonwealths that can work amicably together." —Reuter.

DR. KARL MUCK DEAD

Stuttgart, To-day.

The death is announced of Dr. Karl Muck, the famous German conductor.

—Reuter.

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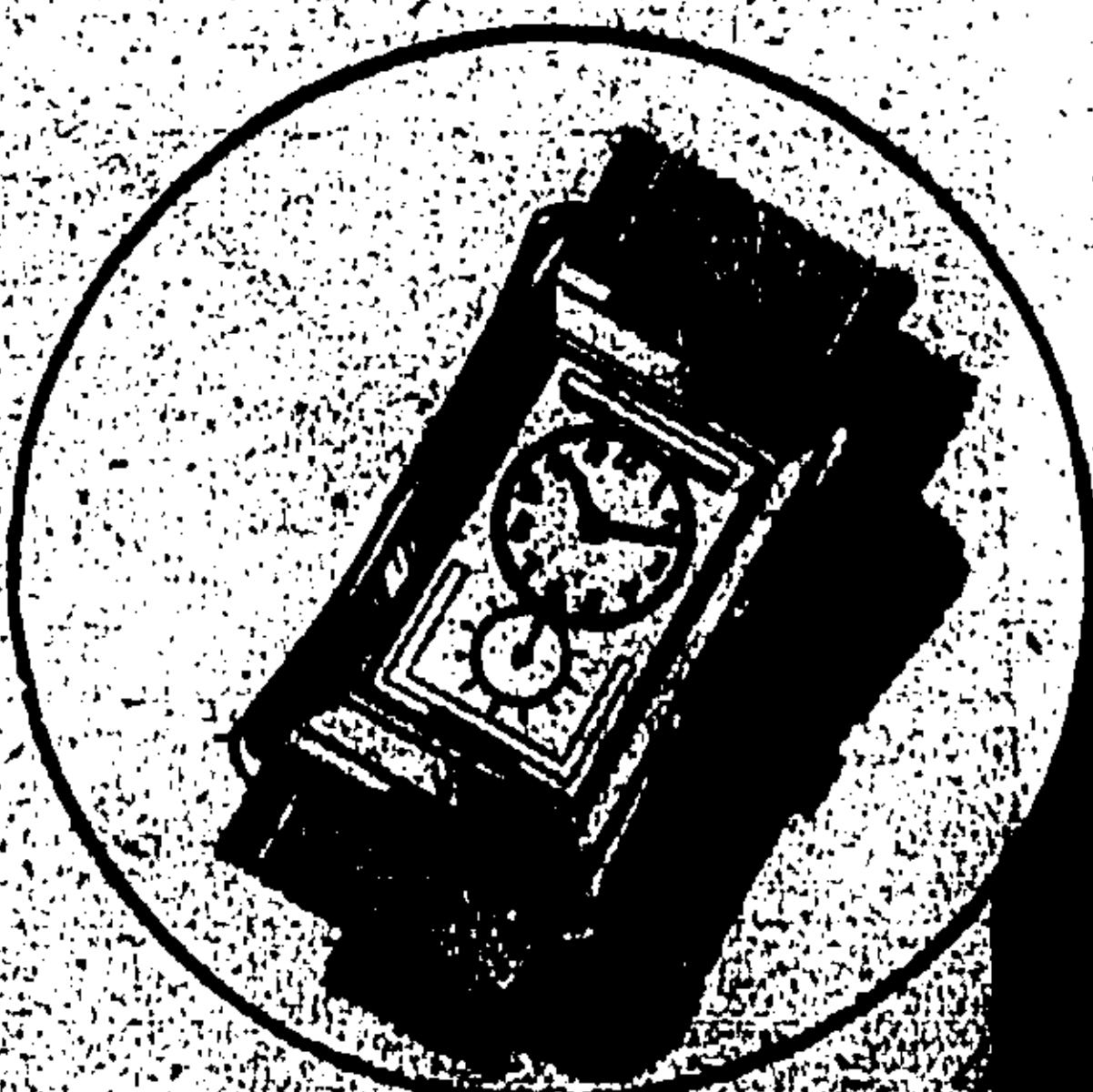
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STREET FIGHTING IN SUBURBS OF VIBORG

Finnish Main Force Retiring In Good Order

NEW DEFENCES CONSTRUCTED BEHIND THE CITY

Helsinki, To-day.

THE MAIN PART OF VIBORG is still in Finnish hands, although the Soviets are said to be gradually encircling the city. The Finns are making them fight every inch of the way and the Russians are having to die heavily for what is now a completely ruined city.

There is heavy fighting in the southern suburbs, while the main body of the Finnish troops is retreating in good order and according to plan to new defences to the north-west of the city. These defences at their deepest point are three miles from Viborg and are the same length as the original Mannerheim Line.

The Russians are also reported to be applying heavy pressure at the centre of the Mannerheim Line.

In the east, at Taipale, the Finns have dispersed Soviet forces attempting to concentrate for an attack and in this area the Russians have not gained an inch for a week. — Reuter.

Position Not Clear

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

There has been so much movement on the Karelian Isthmus during the past few days that it is difficult to establish the exact positions of the two armies.

The Finns made the Soviets pay dearly for their advance and they are now holding the lines around Viborg waiting for the day when it will be impossible for the enemy to send in a fresh army every morning to give battle.

On Sunday, the Russians tried to drop parachute-troops behind Viborg, but were as unsuccessful here as they have been in the past; the men were all shot or captured.

NEW DEFENCE POSITIONS

The new defence positions north-east of Viborg are said to form part of the Mannerheim Line and to protect the railway which crosses Finland from West to East, originally having to pass through Viborg.

A junction has now been built at Simola, six or seven miles south of Lake Saimaa and 25 miles north-west of Viborg, eliminating the former importance of the latter city. The fall of Viborg will now not seriously alter

Heavy Finn Losses

Stockholm, To-day.

Reports reaching here indicate that the Finns lost heavily in the battle for Viborg, one estimate putting the loss at 17,000 lives.

These losses were unavoidable if the position was to be held while new defences were completed. — Reuter.

Fresh Hope

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

The crushing of the 34th Soviet Tank Brigade, following on the heels of the mopping up of the 18th Division, has given the Finns fresh hope.

The battle is cited as a characteristic of the Finnish method of warfare, in which a comparatively small force, armed with inferior material, could defeat a big enemy by virtue of its knowledge of the terrain and able leadership.

Although the end of the action has pushed the Russians back to where they were at the beginning of the war, the Soviets are again attacking. — Hava.

Official Communique

Helsinki, To-day.

An official communique states: An enemy attempt to advance across the ice of the Bay of Viborg was repulsed.

"Soviet attacks between Viborg and Vuoksen were broken. The enemy made several attacks

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Cheslon's Wings

"NEW BORDER" DEMARCATED

Moscow, To-day.

The Mixed Soviet-German Border Mission set up on October 5 last year to demarcate the "new Soviet-German frontier," has now finished its survey.

Nearly 3,000 border posts have been driven in. The new frontier now has to be ratified by both Governments. — Reuter.

PLIGHT OF FINNISH CHILDREN

Helsinki, To-day.

The terrible conditions among Finnish children from the extreme eastern front are revealed in a report by a doctor and by Mrs. Leppo, who have been investigating in Oulu Province.

The report states that the children were forced to travel by sleigh and under other exposed conditions, hatless and stockingless.

Forty-six per cent. of them are ill with measles, bronchitis or pneumonia, while 755, representing 11 per cent. have denied.

The Hoover Committee has now initiated a plan for the immediate despatch of six ambulance units and medical supplies for the children. The Committee state that they urgently need funds. — Reuter.

SOVIET ANNOYED BY CHARGES

Moscow, To-day.

A Soviet statement has been issued "refuting" the Finnish note to the League of Nations condemning Russian methods of warfare.

Charges that the Russians had bombed and machine-gunned civilians were "transparently false" and "fantastic allegations," says the Soviet official statement.

In any case, says the statement, they cannot postpone the approaching end of what it brightly calls "the adventure of the Finnish rulers against the Soviet Union." — Reuter.

LEAGUE MISSION TO STUDY

Stockholm, To-day.

The newspaper "Allehanda" states that the League of Nations Mission arrived in Helsinki to make a study of the Russian methods of warfare. — Reuter.

MORE TALK OF PEACE PROPOSALS

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

THE POSSIBILITY OF PEACE PROPOSALS BEING ADVANCED FOR THE FINNISH WAR AS SOON AS THE RUSSIANS HAVE COMPLETED THE CAPTURE OF VIBORG, AND SPECULATION ABOUT THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN FINLAND, ARE OCCUPYING THE CLOSE ATTENTION OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES HERE.

The internal political situation in Finland is now considered to be at least as important as the military situation.

The position appears to be that not only German but many Scandinavian circles would like to see peace made in Finland, but it is believed that Field Marshal Mannerheim and the Army leaders would resolutely oppose any proposal to make peace on terms which they regarded as unsatisfactory. — Reuter.

SANDLER URGES MORE SWEDISH AID

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

OSLO, TO-DAY.

SPEAKING BEFORE THE UNIVERSITY OF OSLO, THE SWEDISH

EX-FOREIGN MINISTER, M. SANDLER, INSISTED ON THE NEED FOR

GIVING GREATER MILITARY AID TO FINLAND.

The whole of the Swedish nation is united in thinking that help must be increased and to do that would be the best manner to act out of the dilemma in which Sweden finds herself at present.

Finland's need is for material and for men, he said. — Hava.

Graphic Stories Of Rescues Of "Domala" Victims CADET FROZEN TO RAFT SIX OTHER EUROPEANS DROWN WHEN WASHED OFF

LONDON, TO-DAY.
GRAPHIC STORIES OF THE ATTACK ON THE B.I. LINER "DOMALA" AND OF THE RESCUE OF VICTIMS OF THE BOMBED VESSEL, WERE RELATED WHEN THE SURVIVORS WERE LAND-ED IN ENGLAND YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

An aeroplane, which assisted a warship in the search for survivors, spotted a raft on which Cadet Duval, aged 17, who had been in the sea for two hours, was still clinging.

Duval was badly frozen and sailors made a living chain over the warship to rescue him.

Six other Europeans had been overcome and washed off the raft.

The junior engineer, Dunn, of Kelty, Fife, who was in the engine-room when the first bomb exploded, received a broken leg and severe burns, but crawled along a terrace and then along the length of the ship and then up a forty-feet ladder to the poop.

He was lowered overboard on the chance of being picked up but died after being rescued.

CHIEF OFFICER'S STORY

The chief officer of the "Domala," named Brawn, described to reporters the scenes after the liner had been bombed and had caught fire.

The fire and fumes, he said, added to heavy seas, made rescue work extremely difficult.

The last he saw of Captain W. Litt was as he stood on the bridge.

He went to report to the Captain that the vessel was on fire amidships and the Captain then gave the order to abandon ship.

They managed to get all the boats off, but one was damaged by a bomb explosion.

As the bomber finally departed, the tall gunner fired at the ship's anti-aircraft gun crew but did not hit them.

NO PANIC

The Indian passengers, who were all seamen who had been employed in German ships, were naturally frightened, but their behaviour throughout was good and there was no panic.

Chief Officer Brawn said that the last to leave the ship were the butcher and himself.

He lashed the butcher to the same rope as himself and together they jumped for it. They were in the water for five or ten minutes before being pulled across to the warship which came to the rescue.

The Third Officer, J. A. Taylor, said that after being blown out of his bunk, he dashed to his action station at the anti-aircraft gun, but they fired only one round before the Heinkel had finished her bombing and had flown away after a final burst of machine-gun fire. — Reuter.

Terrible Experience

London, To-day. Amongst accounts given by survivors of the Domala which was bombed by a Nazi aeroplane is one given by Cadet Duval who was making his first sea trip.

He was clinging to a raft for six hours before being picked up and had the terrible experience of seeing his nine companions, one by one, release their hold in ropes and disappear.

THE FIRST 100,000,000

London, To-day.

The following message has been sent by the King to the President of the National Savings Committee: "As Patron of the National Savings Movement, I have followed with great interest the progress of the war savings campaign since its commencement towards the end of last November.

"On being informed yesterday that the amount invested in National Savings Certificates and Defence Bonds has reached the total of £100,000,000, I desire to thank all who have assisted whether as organisers or contributors in the achievement of this remarkable result.

"It is a fine example of the deter-

DOMALA CASUALTY TOLL

London, To-day.
It is officially stated that of 295 persons aboard the "Domala" one hundred are missing, made up of nineteen European officers, thirty-six native crew and forty-five native passengers.

There were 143 native passengers altogether.

Among the missing are the only two women aboard, both stewardesses, who are believed to have been killed instantly by the bomb explosions. — Reuter.

LEAFLET RAIDS IN WRONG LANGUAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Although the Swedish volunteers are now at the front and have given a good account of themselves, the Russians are apparently unaware that they are fighting Swedes, for they are dropping propaganda leaflets in the Finnish language over the Swedish positions. — Havas.

FRENCH AMBULANCE UNIT ARRIVES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

A French ambulance unit, which can care for 100 men, has arrived in Finland, with a staff of 30 people and with supplies of serum and other equipment from the Pasteur Institute.

The doctors include two French surgeons and an X-Ray specialist. — Havas.

TANKER CUT IN TWO REACHES PORT IN SCOTLAND

London, To-day.

HALF OF THE BRITISH TANKER Imperial Transport is now safe in Scotland after having been cut in two by a U-boat. Captain Smailes, a Yorkshireman, was on the bridge when the U-boat fired its torpedo.

He said that there was a terrific explosion and a mountain of water covered the ship from stem to stern. Part of the bridge disappeared beneath his feet as the ship broke in two.

The captain did not give up, but jumped to the stern half, hoping that the tanker's engines were intact.

After a number of adventures—not the least of which was the picking up of 13 men who got away from the bow and were rescued in a gale—Captain Smailes managed to navigate his ship with the aid of a school atlas and no wireless for 110 miles.

Three days later, a warship came alongside, but the captain would not give up and tried steering his ship stern first. She did not respond and went around in circles.

The next morning, another warship and a tug arrived and with a little help the captain managed to bring his ship into port. — Reuter.

mination of my people to dedicate their energies and resources to the winning of victory and peace." — British Wireless.

DARING KIDNAPPING

Shanghai, To-day.

Three Chinese armed with Mauser pistols staged a daring kidnapping last night at the height of the evening rush hour, when they calmly walked into a crowded cafe in Bubbling Well Road and forced Wang Tse-chuan, comrade of the Export Department of the Arnhold Trading Company and a shareholder in the cafe, to accompany them.

The kidnappers whisked their victim away without any of the 200 guests in the cafe or the employees attempting to raise the alarm.

The motive of the kidnapping is unknown, but Wang is believed to be a wealthy man. — Reuter.

SERVANT'S THEFT

Hau Chung, 22, servant, was before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, charged with larceny of \$20 from Mrs. D. Davies, of No. 6, Leighton Hill.

Detective-Sergeant J. Bentley said that Mrs. Davies yesterday discovered \$20 to be missing from a sum of \$120 which was inside a cupboard. The numbers of the notes were marked, because of previous thefts in the house. The Police were informed, and two marked \$10 notes were found in defendant's possession.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed, and defendant was ordered to pay \$20 to Mrs. Davies.

SOUTH AFRICAN AID TO FINLAND

Cape Town, To-day.
The Union Government, in response to an appeal by the League of Nations, decided to make available £50,000 for the purchase of commodities to be given to the Finnish Government. — Reuter.

SWISS AMBULANCE UNITS ON ITS WAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.
The Swiss Ambulance Unit, comprised of 10 surgeons and nine nurses, arrived here yesterday en route to Finland. They are leaving by air to-day from Helsinki. — Havas.



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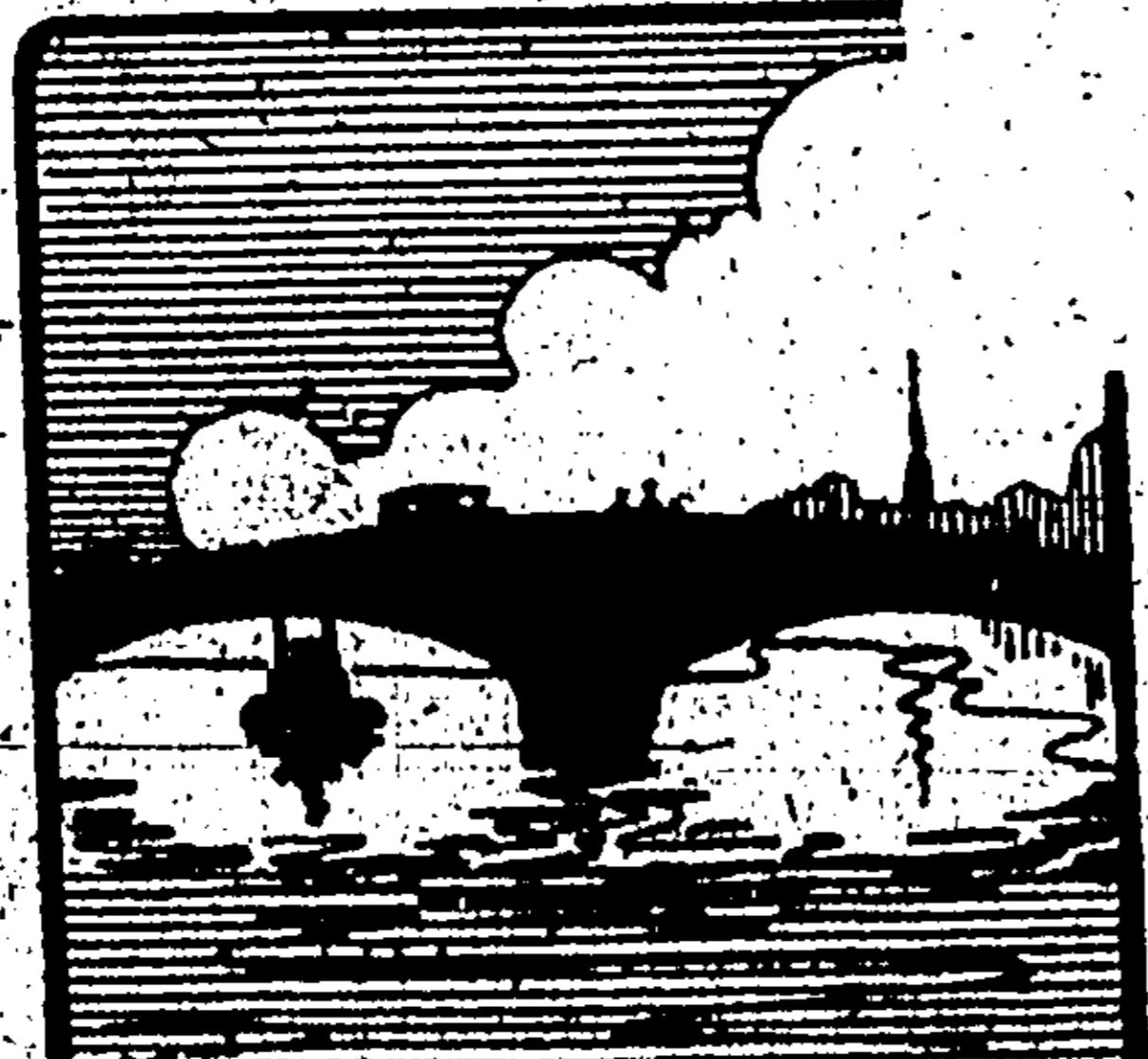
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

TWO BIG QUESTIONS

A suggestion that Japan might be drawn further in the direction of the Nazi camp, the suggestion that she might be made more well-meaning (from the Hitler point of view) and less neutral, brings up two big questions: (1) how Japan can get over her rebuff from Germany, the rebuff resulting from the substitution of a Berlin-Moscow axis for a Berlin-Rome-Tokyo axis, and (2) how Dictator Hitler could do the juggling act required to pull with Russia and Japan and still maintain the peace and team-work necessary for any measure of efficiency. Japan is jealous of Russia's position in the world league of war-makers. It is possible that the Nazi dictator considers himself good enough to be able to play one ally against the other, as well as one enemy against the other.—"Manila Bulletin".

not all her supplies have to cross the sea and thus become exposed to the action of Allied sea-power. The position is very different from what it was in 1914-18, when Germany was fighting on three fronts. In this war she has access by land to the whole of Europe east of France as well as to the greater part of Asia. If she was not to obtain in these markets — in some of which before the war she had already obtained a dominating commercial influence—the goods she was prevented from importing from oversea, the Allies had to devise ways of reinforcing their blockade by competing actively with her both in buying and selling, thus diminishing the supplies available, putting up the price against her, and making it more difficult for her to earn the money to pay for them.—"The Times".

STRONGER THAN MARX

The term democracy has long ceased to have any relation to self-government in the eyes of the Communists. A society is a democracy only when it has been baptised by Stalin. Fortunately for the prospects of liberty there is still too much spirit and self-respect in the world for such dictation to be accepted tamely by any vigorous people. The Finns are fighting as the Swiss and the Dutch have fought in different times for the cause that is closest to the human heart. A man may study the text of Marx for a lifetime without finding a stronger passion in the history of man.—"Manchester Guardian".

STALIN'S VISION

Stalin has gone too far to draw back now; and there cannot be any doubt that his vision looks beyond the lovely land of Finland to a Norwegian port on the Atlantic. What a prize Narvik would be! It is the Atlantic end of Boden-Gellivare railway, which drains the whole of northern Sweden. Ancient ambitions have revived in Russia, since the war has lighted the beacon of opportunity; and it will not be long before her long-suffering troops are again without any chance of standing.—"New Statesman and Nation".

LEBENSRAUM

When the German talks about his Lebensraum he means a system under which the territories he acquires are used solely for the aggrandisement of his people. But the extension of the British Empire has been an extension of the area of liberty, economic as well as political. If Lebensraum meant that, there would have been no war and, perhaps, no Hitler.

THE UNITY OF FRANCE

M. Daladier's position has been strengthened by a vote of confidence passed unanimously by the Chamber after a secret session which he himself had deprecated but upon which the majority of the Deputies insisted. The Government's reasons for disliking secrecy were perfectly intelligible. On such occasions there is not only a danger that information useful to the enemy may leak out through indiscretion. Whatever precautions are taken it is impossible to prevent the circulation afterwards of accounts more or less imaginative of what has been discussed behind closed doors, and enemy propaganda can be trusted to exploit any real or pretended revelation. Many Deputies agreed with the Prime Minister in thinking these objections decisive, but others felt that Parliament, directly representing the nation and the source of the Government's authority, was entitled to a full account of the progress of the war, if only to kill rumours which have been bred by the stringency of the censorship and the unceasing activities of German propaganda. M. Daladier bowed to these views and accepted the secret session proposed by M. Blum, the Socialist leader, whose demand was backed by M. Marin, the leader of the Conservative right wing, and supported by a small majority in the Chamber.—"The Spectator".

ECONOMIC WARFARE

To wage economic warfare effectively against Germany means to make it as difficult and as expensive as possible for her to obtain supplies. And

the demand was backed by M. Marin, the leader of the Conservative right wing, and supported by a small majority in the Chamber.—"The Times".

Germany's Ruthless Air Campaign At Sea

DUTCH SHIPS GET SEVERE STRAFING

DUTCH FREIGHTERS ATTACKED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ostend, To-day.

Two Dutch freighters, the Limburg and Achterland, were machine-gunned by German planes in the North Sea this morning both sustaining heavy damage. Both were bound for Holland from Newcastle with coal—Havas.

SHOOTING AFFAIR IN CUBA

HAVANA, TO-DAY. SHOTS WERE FIRED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AT THE COUNTRY HOUSE OF COLONEL BATISTA, THE CHIEF OF STAFF.

Two were killed and seven people were wounded.

According to the official account of events, the secret police posted in front of Col. Batista's house fired on a suspicious-looking case which contained Carlos Narti, police lieutenant under the former Machado regime, and Silvio Salazar, wanted by the police in connection with the wounding of Senor Ferrera, a Deputy as he was entering the Constituent Assembly a few days ago.

Both Narti and Salazar were shot dead. — Reuter.

STRANGE RUMOURING

London, To-day.

More rumours of German troops in South Russia reached London on Sunday night.

These reports from Eastern Europe state that two German Divisions are now in southern Russia on their way to the Caucasus.

These reports are not confirmed, but if it transpires that they are true it will be interesting to see what explanation the Russians will find for needing German help in that region.—Reuter.

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London, To-day. IT IS NOW LEARNED THAT the Dutch ship *Jonger Wilhelm*, which picked up survivors of the B.I. s.s. *Domala*, was herself attacked by a Nazi 'plane half an hour earlier — presumably by the same one.

As in the case of the *Domala*, the 'plane was seen in the half-darkness, flying low overhead with navigation lights full on. The Dutch ship similarly took the Helsinki bomber for a British 'plane, but discovered its mistake when a bomb was dropped only 20 feet away.

The 'plane then dived repeatedly, sweeping the decks with its machine-guns. Fortunately, there were no casualties.

Four other Dutch ships have been attacked in the North Sea. In addition to the 2,249-ton *Schieland*, and the two smaller boats, they included a Dutch coastal vessel, which was bombed.

The captain and engineer were killed and three survivors have landed at a British port after being afloat on a raft for 36 hours.

Survivors of the Swedish ship *Lagholm*, of 2,800 tons, were landed at two British ports yesterday. All on board are believed to have been saved. It is not yet known how their ship was sunk.—Reuter.

SURVIVORS OF EARLIER OUTRAGE

New York, To-day. The Dutch Liner "Maasdam" has arrived here with 27 sailors who were picked up after the Finnish steamer "Wilja," 3,396 tons, was torpedoed in the North Sea. — Reuter.

"ELZIENA" TRAGEDY

London, To-day. Three survivors of the crew of five of the small Dutch coastal vessel, *Elziena*, which was a victim of an attack by a German bomber, were landed at a north-east coast port today, after 36 hours at sea on a raft.

The master and engineer were killed as a result of the bombing, and two of the survivors were injured.

The "Elziena" indicated her nationality by large flags painted on the sides. — Reuter.

RIJNSTROOM LOST

Amsterdam, To-day. The Dutch steamer *Rijnstroom*, of 695 tons, which left The Downs on Sunday for Amsterdam has failed to arrive and it is regarded as certain that she has been sunk.

Lifeboats, lifebelts and a quantity of merchandise believed to belong to her have been found floating. It is hoped that her crew of twelve escaped in the ship's other boat.—Reuter.

London, To-day. "NEED 10,000 U.S. PLANES TO WIN"

Britain wants 10,000 additional U.S. warplanes in the next eighteen months to assure Allied War supremacy over Germany.

This is what British purchasing agents in the United States have told the American aircraft manufacturers. It was authoritatively learned in Washington yesterday.

THE SUMNER WELLES VISIT

London, To-day. Mr. Sumner Welles is expected to arrive in London about the end of the week, though his plans are still indefinite.

Arrangements for the various meetings which Mr. Sumner Welles will have with members of the Government are now being made.

Time will be allowed for some informal entertainment of Mr. Welles, who, it is also understood, wants to fill a few private engagements. — Reuter.

FROM LITTLE TO LESS

Paris, To-day. The official communiqué reports reduced activity. — Reuter.

IL DUCE TO SHOW HIS HAND?

London, To-day. The Belgrade correspondent of the "Daily Mail" reports that the Balkan Powers still are waiting for Mussolini to reveal his plans in regard to the Balkan States.

The differences between Italy and Britain over the German coal exports are being followed with the greatest interest.

It is thought that if these developments will cause Il Duce to change his policy in some respects and free him to explain certain features of it.

There is also interest in reports that Italy is planning to build a strategic railway in Albania. — Havas.

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ITALY SEEKING TO FORCE AN ISSUE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

THE ACTION OF THE Italian Government in ordering the Italian ships at Amsterdam, laden with German coal, to sail for Italy is regarded here as designed by Italy to force the issue.

Purpose is to compel the Allied naval forces to take action — or alternatively, to call the bluff.

No doubt remains in Paris that the Allied decision to extend contraband control to Italian shipping will be applied strictly without reference to the protest to Britain.

Paris diplomatic comment on the Italian Note is that the arguments contained therein are mere repetition of all the criticisms raised against the blockade by neutrals, while the specific question of German coal exports which is at issue between Britain and Italy is left on one side.

General impression is that one of the main motives of the despatch of the Italian Note is to be found in Rome's desire to play a more important part in international affairs.

The differences with Britain about coal are considered to be but a small part of the whole problem of the sea blockade against Germany.

ROME ATTITUDE

In Rome, most of the papers publish the full text of the Italian Note, but refrain from any comment at great length, contenting themselves with stressing "the clear, firm language of Italy towards Britain."

Foreign quarters in Rome express the view that the motive of the Italian protest is, in consideration of Germany's desire to use the sea route instead of further taxing her railways, to re-affirm the present method of supply of German coal to Italy.

This view appears to be substantiated by the fact that the Italian Note which refers to "British violation of international law" makes not the slightest reference to the very heavy losses suffered by neutrals through the activities of German submarines. — Havas.

ARCHDUKE OTTO'S WAR PREDICTION

Baltimore, To-day. There is no question but that the Germans will lose the war.

The moral factor alone makes the Allied victory certain, declared the Archduke Otto, Pretender to the Austrian Throne, who is visiting the United States to study the American constitutional system as a model for the postwar central European Federation of States which, he says, "will be automatic after the war." — Reuter.

FROST DAMAGE TO POTATO STORES

London, To-day. The damage done by frost to potato stores in Great Britain during the recent severe weather is very much less than was at one time feared.

So far as can be ascertained by the Ministry of Food, the average loss has been about five per cent. — British Wireless.

FUNERAL OF PRINCE AAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CASSABLANCA, TO-DAY.

THE FUNERAL OF PRINCE AAGE OF DENMARK, TOOK PLACE YES-TERDAY AT TAZA, MORROCO, IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY OFFICIALS OF CIVIL AND MILITARY RANK, INCLUDING GENERAL NOGUSS, RESIDENT GOVERN-GENERAL OF FRENCH MORROCO.

The Prince, who died three days ago, was famed for the many years he spent in the French Foreign Legion, being the only member of the ruling dynasty ever to do so.

The remains will later be shipped to Denmark. — Havas.

FAR EAST GIFTS TO FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

M. Harold Tanner, the Finnish Charge d'Affaires, wired £665 to Helsingfors, the proceeds of collections in Hong Kong and \$23,000 Shanghai dollars collected in China.

The sum of \$25,000 (Chinese) had already been wired to Finland on February 19. — Havas.

FRENCH CALLING MORE MEN TO COLOURS

Paris, To-day.

France's next contingent will be called to the Colours on April 10.

It will include those born between July 1 and September 30, 1919, as well as a number of exempted persons belonging to the 1920 to 1932 and 1938 classes who are now considered liable to mobilization in the Army or Auxiliary Services. — Reuter.

ITALIAN AMBASSADOR BACK IN LONDON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Italian Ambassador arrived here yesterday morning from Rome, via Paris. — Havas.

Mrs. Balean, residing at room No. 156, Gloucester Hotel, has reported to the Police that she either lost in the street, or had stolen from her room in the Hotel, a white gold finger ring and a gold bracelet valued at \$144 some time yesterday.

By George McManus

NAZI EXCUSES TO BELGIUM

Brussels, To-day.

The German Ambassador to Brussels called on Foreign Minister Spaak yesterday and apologised for the incident on Saturday, in which a Nazi bomber shot down two Belgian planes over Belgian territory, killing the pilot of one machine.

The German excuse is that the German machine had been in combat with several British fighters over France and the pilot was not aware he was over Belgian territory. He mistook the British-type Belgian planes for British fighters.

The Ambassador told M. Spaak that German airmen had been instructed not to fly over neutral countries, and offered to consider any indemnity which the Belgian Government might demand.

The Nazi excuse is not likely to satisfy Belgian public opinion, as the German plane was close to the Belgian machines, which surrounded it, when it opened fire.

It is also noted that German machines frequently fly over Belgium on their way to France, and that the day following the incident more Nazi machines roared over Belgium, including Brussels, where anti-aircraft guns went into action and Belgian fighters went up.—Reuter.

ENGLAND'S WORKLESS

London, To-day.

Ministry of Labour figures reveal that the total unemployed on February 12 stood at 1,504,100 which was a drop of 14,796 compared to the figures on January 15 and a drop of 392,618 compared to February 13 last year.

The Ministry of Labour points out that the effect of the long-continued frost and snow prior to the date of their last count had a still greater adverse effect on employment than when the previous count was taken in January.

Thus between January 15 and February 12, the numbers of wholly unemployed and casuals fell by 80,145 while the numbers of temporarily stopped increased by 659,349.—British Wireless.

SERVICE CONDITIONS OF NATURALISED BRITONS

London, To-day.

In reply to a Commons question as to whether naturalized British subjects who were previously refugees from Germany would, when called up for Military service, be asked to undertake foreign service, the Financial Secretary to the War Office said: "Such personnel would not be employed in fighting units directly opposed to the German forces unless they had expressed, in writing, their willingness to be so employed."

"They would be liable for any other forms of service abroad."—British Wireless.

RED CROSS FUND

London, To-day.

The Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund increased by £10,000 yesterday and now stands at £2,192,000. Gifts yesterday included £1,700 from the Mayor of Pietermaritzburg, Natal.—British Wireless.

KERENSKY ARRIVES IN LISBON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Lisbon, To-day.
Alexander Kerenski, one time Russian leader before the advent of the Bolshevik regime, arrived here to-day from the United States, on board the Clipper. He was accompanied by his wife. They are on their way to Paris.—Havas.

AIR BASES AT U.S. DISPOSAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.
Panama, Columbia and Costa Rica have agreed to allow American aircraft to use their air bases should it become necessary in the defence of the American continent in war, the "New York Times" reported to-day, revealing that the agreement was reached during the conversations which President Roosevelt had during his holiday cruise with Government representatives of the above-mentioned countries.

It is recalled in this connection that when Mr. Roosevelt inspected the Panama Canal defences, he refused to permit journalists to accompany him.

It was on that occasion that he conferred with Latin American officials.—Havas.

H.M.S. HAWKINS PUTS INTO MONTEVIDEO

Montevideo, To-day.

The British cruiser, H.M.S. Hawkins, former flagship of the China Squadron, with Rear-Admiral Harwood flying his flag, arrived here yesterday for a one-day visit.

It is understood that no fuel or supplies will be taken on board.—Reuter.

BANK OF N.Z. MAKES A GESTURE

Wellington, N.Z. To-day.

It is officially announced that the Bank of New Zealand has lent the Government £1,000,000 free of interest for the duration of the war and for six months afterwards.—Reuter.

BOMB OUTRAGE IN STOCKHOLM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.
Three people were killed when "Nord Evenski Flamen" was burnt to the ground as a result of a bombing outrage. Besides three charred bodies found, several persons are missing it is reported.—Havas.

NEW CONCENTRATIONS IN SIEGFRIED LINE

Paris, To-day.
Germany is reported to be sending new Divisions to the Western Front. French military circles refuse to get excited about this, but regard it as "normal."—Reuter.

Small Fire At Bailey's

A small fire broke out at 6.15 p.m. yesterday in a storehouse in Bailey's shipyard. Slight damage was caused before the fire was extinguished.

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MEAT RATIONING RESENTMENT IN LONDON

London, To-day.

**MEAT RATIONING IS DUE to come into effect on
March 11th.**

In the meantime there has been in the last few days a certain disorganisation of supplies — especially in the London and Home Counties areas — which has arisen from the difficulties which butchers have experienced in adjusting their normal buying procedure to the prevailing conditions.

Thus, although there is no shortage of meat in the country as a whole, in a few areas the consumers have not been able to get supplies because the shops have refused to accept the allocation of the local food authorities.

The temporary difficulties, which the Food Ministry believes will be quickly overcome when the trade has accustomed itself to the new conditions, arise from two main causes.

First is the corollary of the Government's undertaking to home agriculture of a guaranteed market for livestock. There being few facilities for freezing home-killed meat, this must be consumed first and only the balance required to make up the civilian ration can be drawn from imported supplies.

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The second cause is that of the supplies of imported meat being shipped from the Dominions and South America, the frozen beef is almost exclusively required for both the British fighting services and the French front line troops.

Consequently, of the supplies available for the home market the proportion of beef is largely reduced compared to mutton and lamb.

In the Greater London area, probably as much as three-quarters of the meat sold by retailers under normal conditions is imported. In these circumstances, it can well be understood that butchers in the Greater London area are finding it difficult to adapt themselves to these changes and there has been a certain resentment among them against the type of meat distributed.

SECURITY STOCK

Meanwhile, imported supplies of meat, surplus to current requirements, are being held as security stock against any future emergency.

The Ministry of Food states that the meat control scheme which has been worked out by experts in the trade is now running more smoothly every week.

In spite of the difficulties in its early days, owing to the severity of the weather which disorganised the distribution of many commodities besides meat, no one was entirely without meat.—British Wireless.

STUPID ACCUSATION

London, To-day.

In the Commons yesterday, the Minister of Information took the opportunity in answering a question to state that there is no foundation in fact for allegations that the British search of U.S. mail is being used for efforts to learn American trade secrets.—British Wireless.

MINISTRY OF SUPPLY ORDERS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY SINCE THE NUCLEUS WAS SET UP IN JULY, 1939, REVEALS THAT OVER FOUR THOUSAND PERSONS ARE NOW ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS ESTABLISHMENT AND THAT THE AREA ORGANISATION IS BEING RAPIDLY DEVELOPED.

Apart from longterm purchases, the Ministry has spent £140,000,000 during the six months of the war, orders having been placed at the rate of £60 million for textiles and leather, £20 millions for machine tools £16 million for scientific instruments and £15 million for general stores.

At the present time, orders are being placed at the rate of £16 millions weekly.

Co-operation with the War Office in schemes to avoid undue interference with industry by the application of the National Service Acts has resulted in the release of approximately, 26,000 reservists and Territorials for a period of three months and machinery has been set up to secure the postponement of the calling up of men who are vitally important to industry.—British Wireless.

STABILITY OF PRICES

London, To-day.

The comparative stability of wholesale commodity prices is noticed in the "Economist" fortnightly index, where it appears that prices have remained substantially unchanged since January 30th.

Although there has been a slight rise in foodstuffs, other than meat and cereals, from 79.7 to 81.8 and a rise of five points in minerals, these are counterbalanced by a decrease in textile and meat and cereal prices.

"Economist" suggests that both price fixing and the stability in the free market were contributing factors towards this result.—British Wireless.



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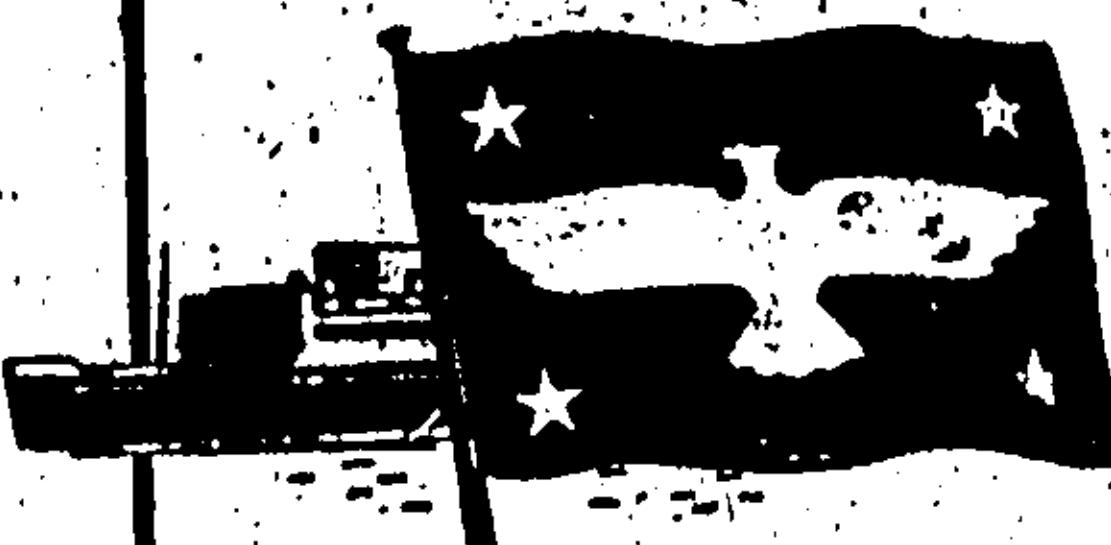
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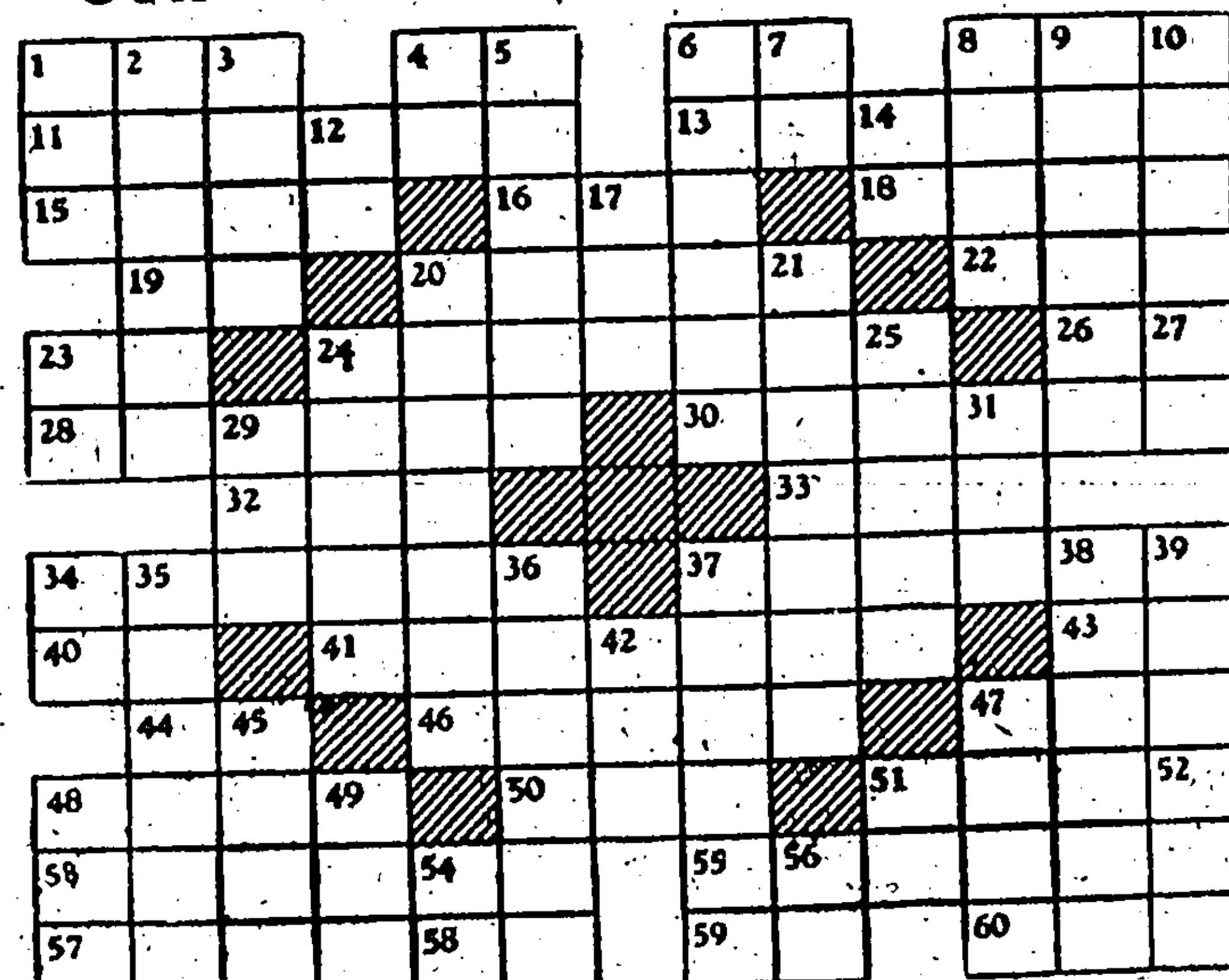
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- 33 Burmese tribe group
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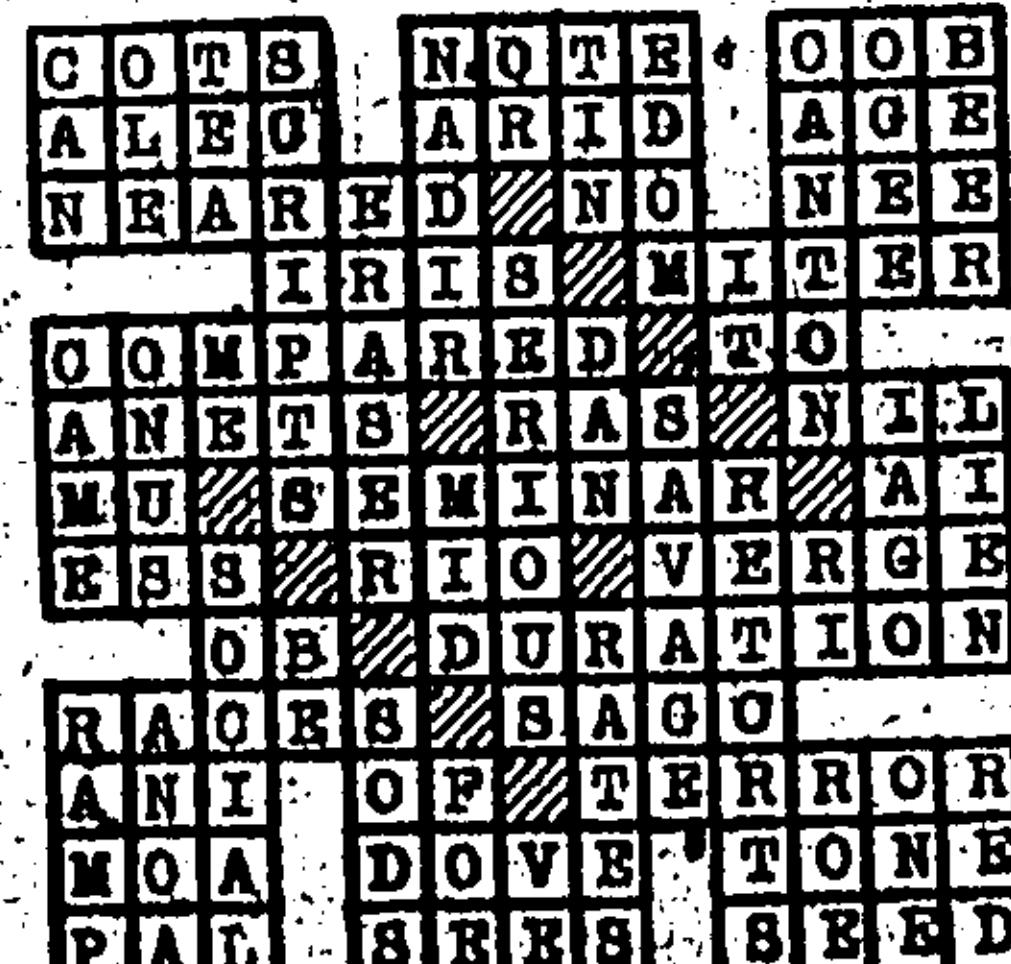
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- 51 Prima donna
- 53 Doctor
- 55 Spices
- 57 To be mistaken
- 58 Pronoun
- 59 That man
- 60 Summer (Fr.)

VERTICAL

- 1 Moccasin
- 2 Begone!
- 3 Favourites
- 4 King of Bashan
- 5 Dreaded
- 6 Hurries
- 7 Conjunction
- 8 Asiatic country
- 9 Clever
- 10 Tiny
- 12 Japanese drama
- 14 Exist
- 17 Protoplasmic substance
- 20 Hinge pins
- 21 Irritates
- 23 Part of "to be"
- 24 Playgrounds
- 25 Transactions
- 27 Bone
- 29 Unit of length
- 31 River
- 34 Jumbled type
- 35 Money lender
- 36 Union of states
- 37 To join
- 38 Three-legged stand
- 39 Spanish for "yes"
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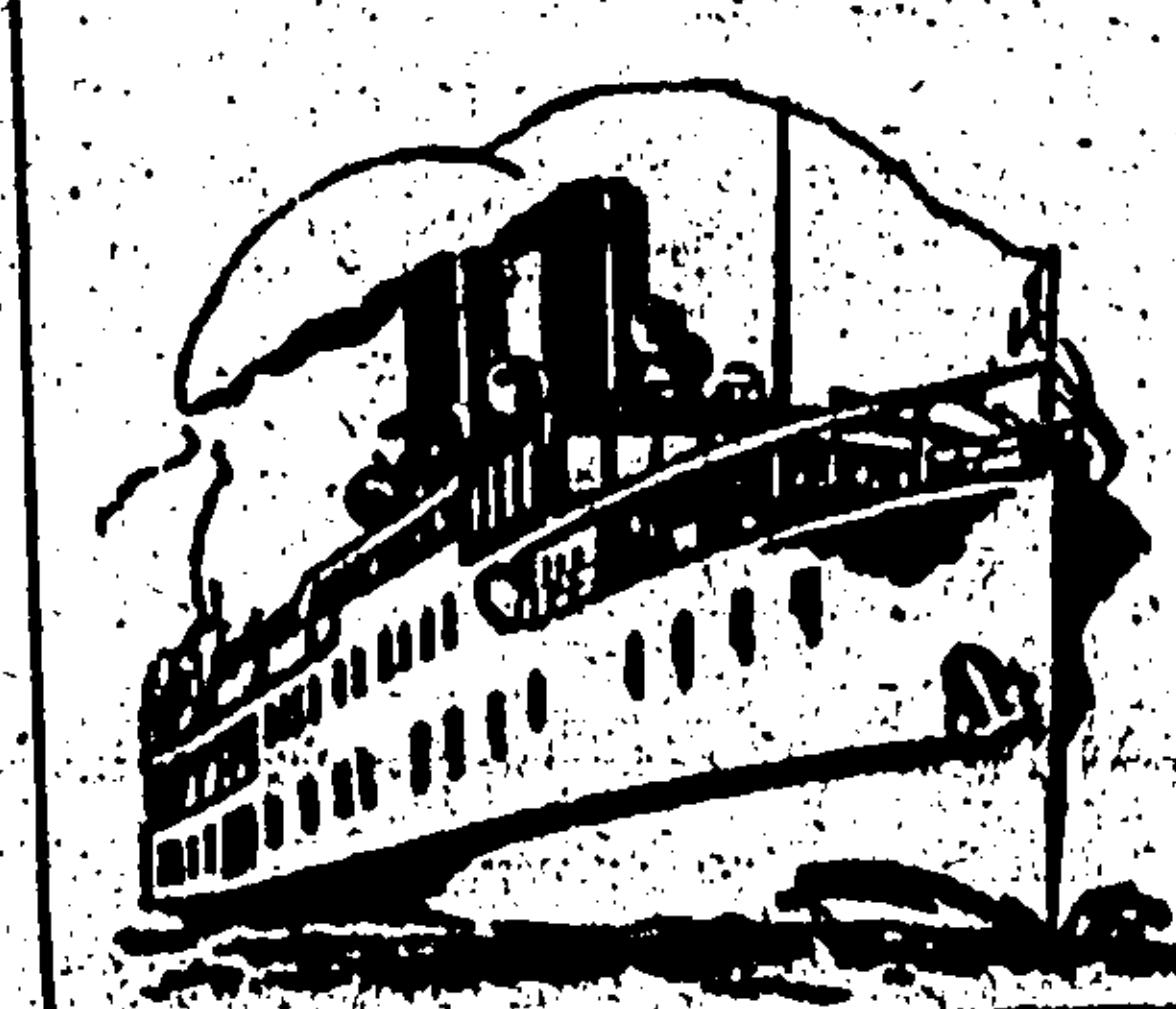
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ITALY'S PROTEST TO BRITAIN

London, To-day.

It is stated out in London in connection with Italy's protest over the stoppage of German coal exports that the Note will receive the most rapid and careful consideration and that the British Government will be as accommodating as possible in view of the friendly relations existing between the two countries.

At the same time, in view of Germany's indiscriminate sea warfare, it must not be assumed that Britain must waive the rights and interests she maintains under international law. — Reuter.

NO IMMUNITY PROMISED

London, To-day.

In connection with the departure from Rotterdam of six Italian ships with cargoes of German coal for Italy, it is emphasised that these ships are liable to be seized by the British contraband control and that no sanction for their passage has been given.

Twelve other Italian ships are loading German coal in Rotterdam, but if and when these leave, all German coal at present in Rotterdam for Italy will have been cleared and no more Italian coal ships are expected. — Reuter.

HANNIBAL DISASTER

London, To-day.

Imperial Airways have received a cable from Karachi stating that the flyingboat, Coodee, has sighted the wreckage of the missing airliner, Hannibal, two miles north-east of Ras al Kuh which is 25 miles west of Jask on the coast of Persia. Search for possible survivors is still being continued. — British Wireless.

GIFT FROM MALAYA

Helsinki, To-day.

The latest help for Finland comes in the shape of £1,450 contributed by sympathisers in Malaya for the Finnish Red Cross. — Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted at 1/2-1/4 for spot and 21-1/8 forwards.

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8.03 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
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8.28 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Concert with Tino Rossi (Tenor) and Miliza Korjus (Soprano).
Le Bonheur N'est Plus Un Reve (Poterat & Colson); Tchi! Tchi! (Scotto & Others) ...Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra.
The Gypsy Baron—Selection (Joh. Strauss, arr. Hohne)...George Boulanger & His

Orchestra.
Thousand And One Nights Waltz (Strauss) ...Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orch.
La Violetera (film "City Lights"—Padilla); The Song of Songs (Moya)...De Groot & His Orchestra.
La Villanelle (Dell'Acqua)...Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra.
"Pagliacci"—Selection (Leocavallo, arr. Tavan)...Marek Weber & His Orch.
Manon—Dream Song (Massenet); Le Roi D'Ys—Aubade (Lalo)....Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Cara Mia (Sievier & Prisker)...Alfredo & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Cards on the Table". A discussion on the point of view of the neutrals.
9.45 p.m.—Songs by Turner Layton at the Piano.
Sweetheart Let's Grow Old Together (Bratton & Edwards).
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Quicksteps—Cheerio, I'll Be Seeing You; I Must Have One More Kiss, Kiss, Kiss... Jack Payne & His Band with Vocal Chorus.
Piano—When The Morning Rolls Around (Woods & Others); Moon (Galeo & Miles)...Rale da Costa.
Conga—Cachita; Rumba—My Shawl.... Henry King & His Orchestra.
Comedien—Bert's. Darts Club Dinner (E. & D. Waters); Pals (E. & D. Waters) ...Elsie & Doris Waters with Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Stomp Off, Let's Go; Eye Opener...Bob Crosby & His Orchestra.
Vocal—You're Here, You're There (Loeb-Kahal); A Little Co-Operation from You (from "Going Greek")....Judy Shirley with Orchestra.
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♦ 5 4
♣ Q 6 3

♠ 9 7 5 2 N ♠ A J 8 4
♥ 8 6 3 ♥ Q 5
♦ 7 6 ♦ Q J 9 8 3
♣ 10 9 5 4 S ♣ K 2

♠ K 10 3
♥ A 10
♦ A K 10 2
♣ A J 8 7

The bidding:
East: South: West: North:
10 Dbl. Pass 1♥
Pass 2NT Pass 3♥
Pass 3NT Pass Pass
Pass

Against three notrump West opened his partner's diamond suit. East played the Jack and South, after winning, laid down the heart Ace, then played the ten, overtaking with dummy's Jack.

East heaved a sigh of relief as he won with his blank Queen, and then played a second diamond, which was won by South's ten. Trying to force an entry to dummy, Declarer now played the Jack of clubs. Although East held but two clubs, he coolly played the deuce, for he knew that if he won the trick, all would be lost. While he now could have dropped the club King, Declarer led low from his

hand. West played the nine, and after some hesitation the Queen was played from dummy.

The dummy was now "dead." East established his diamond suit and then obtained the lead with the spade Ace and set the contract. East deserves credit for his fine defence; but as for South, he could not have been worse.

* * *

You were Oswald Jacoby's partner yesterday and held:

♠ 9 8 x x x
♥ J 10 x
♦ x x x
♣ x x

The bidding:
Schenken You Maler Jacoby
1NT Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

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♠ K Q J 10 x
♥ K x x x
♦ Q J x
♣ x

The bidding:
Jacoby You Burnstone Schenken
Pass Pass Pass 1♥
Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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FEEDING OF INTERNEES

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY REVEALED IN A COMMONS ANSWER THAT GERMANS INTERNED IN BRITAIN WERE RATIONED IN FOOD SUPPLIES ACCORDING TO A SCALE APPROVED BY THE MEDICAL AUTHORITIES AS SUITABLE TO THEIR CONDITIONS.

Butter and bacon are not issued, but the sugar ration is two ounces greater weekly than that of the civilian population.

It was proposed, said Sir Victor Warrender, to reduce the sugar ration to normal level and to provide them with jam or syrup which, at present, is not being issued.

When meat rationing begins on March 11th, he said, the internees would receive one and half pounds weekly.—British Wireless.



The mentally sketchy girl friend says her wedding came off all right—the groom just didn't show up.

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SOFTBALL NOTES

POOR SPIRIT ON PART OF LOCAL SOFTBALLERS

Reluctance To Play Now That League Decided

Strong Club Seven

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Following are the Club seven-a-side teams for the Blarney Stone Shield competition, the finals in which will be decided on the Club ground on Saturday, March 16:

"A" team:—D. I. Bosanquet, H. D. Bidwell, J. M. Thomson, J. R. Henderson, C. F. Needham, A. F. Walkden and R. E. Heasman.

"B" team:—P. B. Wilson, R. Lavalle, H. Van Leeuwen, R. Leigh, P. F. Wanklyn, K. W. Salter and W. Stoker.

The "A" team looks exceedingly good on paper, and I am inclined to favour their chances, though anything can happen in a sevens tournament. Walkden (1936 and 1937), Bidwell (1936 and 1937) Henderson (1938) and Needham (1938) have been in winning Club sevens, while Van Leeuwen of the second team played in the Club's winning teams of 1937 and 1938.

Bank, however, fancy themselves, though they will be without Bompas. Their team will be chosen from Thompson, Day, Carruthers, Aitkenhead, Butcher, Kennedy, Watson and Dunnett.

Police have a good seven to defend the title—D. H. Taylor, Wilson, Fay, Wall (Luscombe is still on the injured list), Wright-Nooth, Cullinan and Innis.

The Civil Service team is Charter, Alec Taylor, D. Hynes, Morgan, Redman, Burford and B. Hynes.

Royal Engineers:—James, Artingstall, Birrell, Waite, Brinkley, Sheldrake and Apperley.

Combined Small Units:—Macdonald, Willis, Coombes, Morgan, Crawford, Bedford and Harrington.

Grieve Transferred

W. E. Grieve, Hong Kong and Shanghai Interporter, is shortly to be transferred from Shanghai to Hong Kong. His Rugger season lasted practically 10 minutes, as he was injured in the first game of the season, against U.S. Marines. It is understood that he has not yet fully recovered from his injury and that he will not be playing locally this season.

ARMY BOXING

"C" Company will meet "A" Company in the Final of the Royal Scots' Inter-Company Boxing Tournament as the result of their successes yesterday in the semi-finals at Murray Barracks.

Most promising boxers on view were McCuaig, Scott, Corrigan, Larkin, who had a very close fight with Cuthbertson, the Army Rugby captain, Brown, Boyle, Elliot, Callaghan and both McNally and Peebles, who put up an excellent fight, Peebles being adjudged the winner.

Results were:

"C" Company 25 points
 "B" Company 19 points
 Welterweight (10st 7lb.) 3rd String—
 Pte. Manson (C) beat Pte. McKechnie (B).
 2nd string—L/Cpl. Burns (B) beat
 Pte. Dunlop (C).
 4th string—Pte. McKay (C) knocked out Pte. Huth (B).
 1st string—Cpl. Ritchie (C) beat
 Pte. Melville (B).
 Bantamweight (8st 6lb.) 1st string—
 Pte. Scott (C) beat Pte. Craig (B).

FILIPINOS BEAT MINDANAO IN THRILLING GAME

(By "GRANDSTAND")

DESPITE THE FACT that interest in the present campaign is on the decline some interesting games were witnessed on Sunday. Now that the pennant winners in both sections of the league have been decided most of the teams have lost interest and would rather forfeit their remaining games—a poor spirit on their part.

Anyway league officials are not striking camp just yet and the show must go on till the asbestos comes down.

Entertaining Liga on their own ground Recreio Bees downed Liga Portuguesa, 9-2, without much trouble after the second canto. It looked rosy for the Peking Road boys when they took the lead in the third frame with two tallies, but the rambling Bees rallied with seven runs in the same inning to reverse the lead which looked bigger for the Bees as the game progressed.

Jackie Noronha conceded five hits to the Ligamen, while his teammates collected nine blows off Southpaw Coelho. The junior Recs bungled two more chances than Liga's five. Bertie Gosano at third base was the worse offender with three miscues chalked up against him.

Windy alley custodian Ozorio belted a circuit clout for Liga and A. Lopes, Recreio's rightfielder, took batting honours with a 1,000 per cent average in three times up.

R. H. E.
 Recreio 'B' 0 0 7 1 0 1 x—9 9 7
 Liga 0 0 2 0 0 0 0—2 5 5

Borrowing three Walkermen in Doc Molthen, Ernie Hearther and Dick Venezia to complete the necessary nine, Mindanao were nosed out by the Filipinos to the tune of 4-3.

The game lasted only 50 minutes and it was one of the shortest frays played on the C.B.A. ground, but it was 50 minutes full of interest and thrills for fans and players alike. Unfortunate Ernie Hearther was the goat of the thriller when he booted a hit of Marques' bat to allow three Southern boys to cross the plate in the third stanza. This was the only inning in which the Filipinos scored.

AMPER IN FORM

Dave Amper, the Filipino portsider, was on form on the rubber striking out two and walking only one, while Dave Davis was on the hillock for Mindanao and pitched steady ball to strike out one and pass one. Both hurlers allowed three hits apiece.

Fielding gem of the tilt was Harry Campos, the Filipino short-stop. He looked like a million dollars and stood out like a bandaged thumb at the windy alley taking six fielding chances with nary a bungle. Bob Laurel behind the plate also showed some class and was a big help in holding down the American blue-jackets.

For the losers Red Todd at the hot corner played his usual brilliant game and was credited with four assists and no error.

R. H. E.
 Filipinos 0 0 4 0 0 0 x—4 3 2
 Mindanao 1 0 1 1 0 0 0—3 3 5

Featherweight (9st.) 1st string—Pte. McCuaig (B) beat Pte. Clelland (C).
 2nd string—Pte. O'Neill (B) beat Pte. Campton (C).
 Lightweight (9st 9lb.) 1st string—Pte. Scott (C) beat Pte. Smith (B).
 2nd string—Pte. Laws (B) beat Pte. Ross (C).
 3rd string—Pte. Wallace (C) beat Pte. Gorman (B).
 Middleweight (11st 6lb.) 1st string—L/Cpl. Moore (C) beat L/Cpl. Nisbet (B).

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SCORES AT A GLANCE

MEN'S		
Recreio "B"	9	Liga
Filipinos	4	Mindanao
GIRLS'		
Wahoos	23	Cubs
Canadian Chinese	7	Ballgirls
Panthers	14	Recreio
HONG		
Texaco	18	Socony
FRIENDLY		
R.A.F.	10	Cables
Ball Club	13	Mixed Team

THERESE NORONHA'S FINE PITCHING

(By "GRANDSTAND")

BOOTING FOURTEEN to their opponent's five, Recreio femmes went down like a ton of bricks at the hands of the Baby Panthers, the final score being 14-11. This was a bit of a surprise as the Ramblers were hot favourites to take the kittens to town.

Irene Tavares who doesn't look any bigger than a bottle of mustard proved herself as ardent, to limit the Recreio gals to eight hits; she fanned three and issued two free transports to the initial station. Anna Noronha, Recreio's first string flinger, twirled a grand game but received very, very poor support from her fielders. She was nicked for 10 blows, whiffed three and passed two.

Alex Mendonca at the keystone and Melvy Campos at the initial back were the outstanding players for Panthers. Their fielding was dazzling and spectacular at times.

Lolly Rodrigues and Ding-Dong Lopes just could not see the pellet on Sunday. Of the 14 Recreio errors they share 10!

R. H. E.
 Panthers 3 4 1 2 0 2 2—14 10 5
 Recreio 2 5 1 2 1 0 0—11 8 14

In a slow-motion game, Wahoos blanked the lowly Cubs 23-0. This is the second shut-out for chief Wahoo Therese Noronha this season. The first victims were the Ball Girls in a 17-0 encounter. Therese whiffed no fewer than seven Bruins and walked three. Grandma Hutchinson and Kitty Bush could only strike out one and walk nine.

Even Papa Bear Smith admitted that it was the worst game he had had the misfortune to see the Cubs play. He ain't telling us! With the exception of Nancy Maxwell at third base and Grandma Hutchinson the rest of the Bruins did not show any life and to say that they played a listless game would be putting it mildly!

The Wahoos on the other hand, de-

spite knowing that they were pitted against a much weaker team, played headup ball all the way, miscuing only once, while the cubs were chalked up with 10 bobbles.

Lena Luongo's homer and a double were the only long distance blows of the melee.

R. H. E.

Wahoos 7 5 2 3 0 6 x—23 12 1
 Cubs 1 0 1 1 0 1 0—0 4 10

Canadian Chinese cuties made sure of the Southard Shield by taking Hong Kong Ball Girls 7-3, in the nightcap at Prince Edward Road ground. Ball girls fought hard to avenge their defeat at the hands of the "Canucks" in the first round, but seven hefty blows by the "Maple Leafs," helped by five Ballgirl errors, enabled the new champs to salt the game away.

Mary Louie was again on the slab for the "Canucks" from where she fanned three and walked two. Thelma Collaco was on the firing line for the Ballgirls and whiffed one and walked one.

It is interesting to note that both pitchers led their respective teams in the batting list. Mary Louis clouted three safeties in three times to bat and Thelma Collaco bashed two bingles in three trips to the plate.

Rene Yuen's triple in the first stanza was the longest hit of the fracas.

R. H. E.

C. Chinese 2 0 1 0 0 4 x—7 7 2

Ballgirls 0 0 0 0 0 2 1—3 6 5

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COLONY TENNIS OPENS

KONG AND SZETO WIN DULL MATCH AGAINST LAST YEAR'S FINALISTS

(By "ADREM")

THE COLONY Open Tennis Tournament started yesterday—not in a blaze of glory as I should have liked to report—but in a manner every bit as dull as the weather, and that was pretty foul!

Only match expected to provide any interest proved a tame affair, Paul Kong and Szeto Bick putting out last year's runners-up, Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing, in straight sets in a game in which anything approaching sparkling tennis was conspicuous by its absence. The score was 6-2, 6-1.

The winners got away to a good start in the first set when they took Ho's service and led 2-0. They then proceeded to play themselves in, taking no chances and lobbing when in the slightest difficulty.

These methods proved sufficient to win the set as neither Ho nor Lee could produce anything like a winning shot.

In the second set Kong and Szeto applied pressure, the former bringing into play his forehand drive, and Szeto utilising fiercely-chopped ground-strokes. Last year's finalists were forced on the defensive throughout and never looked like making a fight

of it. One game was about all they were worth.

RELIABLE PAIR

Kong and Szeto proved a reliable pair, being able to defend or attack with equal facility. Kong showed that he has still a lot of tennis in him yet and is evidently in full practice. His driving on both hands was the best on display although he was inclined to be erratic on the volley.

Szeto was cool and collected under all circumstances and produced adequate shots at the right moments. His service was the best of the four and his vicious chopping on both hands

SCORES AT A GLANCE

OPEN SINGLES
R. G. Beisel Jr. beat J. R. Turner by 6-1, 6-3.
Wei Chung beat Y. C. Lau by 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
OPEN DOUBLES
F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang beat J. S. Theobald and S. M. Garrard by 6-2, 6-4.
Paul Kong and B. Szeto beat Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing by 6-2, 6-1.
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
R. C. Bevan beat J. C. Pool by 6-4, 6-3.
D. M. MacDougall beat E. Zulauf by 6-3, 6-1.

proved most difficult for the opposition to pick up on the soft court. Overhead he was not spectacular, preferring sharp angling to brute force.

There were occasions when Ho touched his best form of last season but that form proved entirely inadequate yesterday. His heavily-topped forehand drive lacked the power to drive home openings and his smash was the same, while his volley merely had the effect of keeping the ball in play.

Lee was a shadow of his former self and was never impressive. His ground strokes were erratic and his volleying weak, while his lobbing was short. He gave the impression of being completely out of touch with the game.

VETERANS WIN

In the only other doubles match played yesterday—the tie between Alec Pearce and B. C. Fay, and T. C.

ARMY BOXING

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2nd string—Pte Greig (C) beat Pte. Condon (B).
3rd string—Pte. Corrigan (B) knocked out Pte. Clarke (C).
Light-heavyweight (12st 7lb.)—L/Cpl. Sharman (C) beat Pte. Dickson (47) (B).
Heavyweight (catchweight)—L/Cpl. Larkin (C) beat 2/Lt. Cuthbertson (B).

"A" COMPANY LOSE THREE

"A" Company 27 points
"D" Company 16 points
Bantamweight 1st string—Pte. Brett (A) received a walk-over.
Featherweight 1st string—Cpl. Brown (A) knocked out Pte. Haddon (D).
2nd string—Pte. Boyle (A) knocked out Pte. Amos (D).
Lightweight (9st 9lb.) 1st string—Pte. Cornwall (A) beat L/Cpl. Templeman (D).
2nd string—Pte. Riley (A) beat Pte. Owen (D).
3rd string—Pte. Forrest (D) beat Pte. Ritchie (A).
Welterweight 1st string—Pte. Callaghan (A) knocked out Pte. Corrington (D).
2nd string—Pte. Cavanagh (A) beat Pte. Welsh (D).
3rd string—Pte. O'Neil (A) beat Pte. Melvin (D).
4th string—Pte. Henderson (A) knocked out Lt. Gibson (D).
Middleweight 1st string—Pte. Quinn (A) beat Pte. Hutchison (D).
2nd string—Pte. Smith (D) beat L/Cpl. Brown (A).
3rd string—Sgt. Elliot (A) received a walk-over.
Light-Heavyweight (12st 7lb.)—Cpl. Peebles (D) beat Pte. McNally (A).
Heavyweight (catchweight) — Pte. Marshall (A) beat Pte. Alexander (D).

The Final will be held at Murray Barracks to-morrow night at 8.30 p.m., and a very close result is expected with the odds slightly favouring "C" Company.

Chan and Marsland Ma was postponed—Frank Kwok and S. W. Liang, who have appeared in the tournament in partnership for the best part of 10 years, proved too experienced for J. S. Theobald and S. M. Garrard, whom they beat 6-2, 6-4.

R. G. Beisel Jr. showed promising form in beating J. R. Turner but was not extended sufficiently to enable any accurate estimate of his capabilities to be made.

Wei Chung won a long drawn out match with Y. C. Lau in the only full-distance match of the day.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

TSUI YAN-PUI ON VIEW

Tsui Yan-pui, finalist in the Colony tennis singles last year, and holder of the doubles title with his brother, will make an appearance in the current tournament this afternoon, weather permitting. He should not have a great deal of difficulty in winning from T. J. Gould.

A close game should be seen between John Gonsalves, former Recreio champion, and Leung Ping-chiu, a player who concentrates more on steadiness than brilliance. Having regard to his superior stroke-equipment, Gonsalves should win but might have to go the whole distance to do so.

A. R. Kitchell and Peter U should win at the expense of H. Y. Ho and John Pearce.

The only doubles match on the programme should be a keen if not particularly skillful affair between the Agafuroff brothers and Wong Fuk-nam, of South China, and Lam Kwan, of Kowloon-Tong. The latter pair, because of their greater experience, should win.

PROGRAMME
Open Singles
Leung Ping-chiu v J. Gonsalves.
Tsui Yan-pui v T. J. Gould.
H. Y. Ho v A. R. Kitchell.
J. L. C. Pearce v Peter U.
Open Doubles
I. and B. Agafuroff v Wong Fuk-nam and Lam Kwan.
Club Singles
A. K. Mackenzie v T. G. Monaghan.
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By Order of the Board of Directors.

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SPECTRE OF EPIDEMICS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

Protest against continued deportation of German Jews into "occupied" Polish regions, particularly the Lublin District, has been lodged with the German Government by Herr Frank, Governor-General of "occupied" Poland, the "Neue Zuericher Zeitung" reports.

The Berlin correspondent of this paper stated, "difficulties have arisen regarding the lodging of the Jews, more than 1,000 of whom arrived in Piashko, west of Lublin, from Stettin, where all houses were already occupied."

The authorities had to set them up in stables where the living conditions were such that the spectre of epidemics is feared. Officials have had thus to deal with health problems, which have moved them to action.

"German reports that the migration of Ukrainian and White Russian minorities to Soviet "occupied" Poland would leave room for the German Jews in Poland, proved to be false.

"There was some migration but it was of very small proportions because the peasants feared leaving German "occupied" areas and have their lands expropriated.—Havas.

Vatican City, To-day.

On Sunday, the Pope celebrated Low Mass for the 93 parishes of Rome. Some 40,000 people were present at the ceremony, which opened the second year of his Pontificate.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT CALL TO VOLUNTEERS

London, To-day.

Colonel Roosevelt, who is to command the British volunteers in Finland, declared in a broadcast speech last night, that the war in Finland and the war against Germany were intimately related.

"Upon the result of this war," he said, "depends the future of my children and grandchildren, and the children of all who believe in individual freedom and rights."

"I believe that Germany must be stopped now if our children are to have an opportunity to carry on the heritage of their forefathers."

The Finns were fighting for the same ideals as the Allies, and their men, women and children were being killed by forces of evil and disruption.

"No man can have a higher purpose than those who volunteer to aid them in their magnificent fight."

He pointed out that the men he would command were no mere youthful adventurers, but men of mature age and understanding.—Reuter.

BELGIUM ACCEPTING NAZI APOLOGY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

The Foreign Minister, M. Spaak has announced that it has been decided that Belgium should accept the German explanation of the violation of Belgium neutrality which resulted in the shooting down of a Belgian plane.—Havas.

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NAZI CLAIMS RIDICULED

PARIS, TO-DAY.

A SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED YESTERDAY BY THE FRENCH ARMY CONDEMNING FALSE NEWS GIVEN IN THE NAZI COMMUNIQUES AND BY THE OFFICIAL (D.N.B.) GERMAN AGENCY.

The Germans claimed that three French planes had been shot down over the week-end. Actually, three Nazi Dornier planes were brought down and their crews taken prisoner.

The French communiqué ridicules German statements claiming that only 11 U-boats had been lost since the beginning of the war, pointing out that the Nazi radio station at Frankfort announced in January that 35 U-boats had been lost.

In actual fact, says the French communiqué, the Allies have sunk 50 U-boats.—Reuter.

SOVIET AIR FORCE RAIDS

Helsinki, To-day.

Soviet aircraft have been busy in Finland, and no less than 700 Soviet machines are said to have participated in the latest raids.

There were raids over Helsinki, north of Helsinki, and on small open towns and civilians in the interior.

For their part, Finnish aeroplanes have been busy bombing Soviet railway lines, supply columns and trains bringing up reserves.—Reuter.

WARNING OF TOKYO DISTURBANCES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

The Tokyo headquarters of the Mitsui Couarn and Police Station have received anonymous letters warning them of forthcoming riots in Tokyo. The Metropolitan Police Board is now checking their way to several addresses in Takyamatsu, a city on Shikoku.—Havas.

VON BISMARCK GOES TO ROME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Prince Otto von Bismarck, formerly Chancellor of the Embassy, has arrived in Rome and will hold an important post at the German Embassy.

He has been Vice-Director of Political Affairs at the Wilhelmstrasse since 1937.—Havas.

STATEMENT REFUSED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

Mr. F. Ashton-Gwatkin and M. Rist, the Allied economists, refused to make any statement to journalists on their arrival here.—Havas.

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New York, To-day.

Reports of extreme demands made by Nazi Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop in his talk with Mr. Sumner Welles are generally accepted as authentic by newspapers reaching New York from all parts of the country.

The papers deplore what they describe as the extreme aggressive nature of the German claims.

The German argument that Britain is strangling the world is rejected and rebounds in the form of another argument that America prefers Britain's domination of the seas to a German domination.—Reuter.

Shiukwan, To-day.

It is asserted here that recent movements of Japanese troops in the Canton and Swatow areas indicate evacuation of some defence lines owing to recent transfer of troops to the Nanning area.—Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. Tsui Yuan-pei, former Minister of Education in the National Government, died in the Hong Kong Sanatorium at 10 a.m. to-day. Born in 1867 in Shantung, Chekiang Province, deceased was one of the Kuomintang's elder statesmen. He was the "Hanlin" compiler of Imperial examinations in 1912 and 1927, and Minister of Education.

He was Chancellor of Peking University between 1917 and 1923.

The Honourable Sir Stafford Cripps, Kt., K.C., J.P., M.P., and Mr. G. Wilson, are expected to-day. They will stay at Government House until Thursday.

Reykjavik (Iceland), To-day.

It is revealed that "SOS" messages were picked up here over the week-end from the German steamers Wolfsburg and Arucas.

The former gave her position as north-west of Cape Horn, which is north-west of Iceland, the latter as south-west of Hornajord and said she was sinking rapidly.

Soon afterwards a message on the same wave-length said that she no longer needed assistance.—Reuter.

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